

FED NOD FOR JANET YELLEN

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Wednesday announced one of his most important economic decisions, nominating Janet L. Yellen to



Janet Yellen smiles as Obama announces her as his nominee to be chair of the Federal Reserve, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

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lead the Federal Reserve system and be his independent co-steward of the U.S. economy. He called her "one of the nation's foremost economists and policymakers."

Yellen, 67, who would be elevated from her current position as the Fed's vice chairwoman if the Senate confirms her nomination for a four-year term, would be the first woman to lead the Fed. She joined Obama before the cameras in the State Dining Room of the White House for the formal announcement. With them was the retiring chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, whom the president hailed for helping to guide the economy through the worst recession and financial crisis since the Depression.

"I could not be more grateful for his extraordinary service," Obama said.

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EGYPTIAN AID SLASHED



Egyptian army soldiers take their positions on top and next to their armored vehicles to guard an entrance of Tahrir Square, in Cairo. U.S. officials said Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, that the Obama administration slashed hundreds of millions of dollars in military and economic assistance to Egypt. The U.S. has been considering such a move since the Egyptian military ousted the country's first democratically elected leader in June.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

US Cuts Hundreds Of Millions In Funds For Cairo

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Wednesday cut hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to its Mideast ally Egypt, responding to the military ouster last summer of the nation's first democratically elected president and the crackdown on protesters that has sunk the country into violent turmoil. While the State Department did not provide a dollar amount of what was being withheld, most of it is linked to military aid. In all, the U.S. provides \$1.5 billion in aid each year to Egypt. Officials said the aid being withheld included 10 Apache helicopters at a cost of about \$500 million, F-16 fighter jets, M1A1 tank

kits and Harpoon anti-ship missiles. The U.S. also is withholding \$260 million in cash assistance to the government until "credible progress" is made toward an inclusive government set up through free and fair elections. The U.S. had already suspended the delivery of four F-16 fighter jets and canceled biennial U.S.-Egyptian military exercises. In Cairo, military spokesman Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali declined immediate comment. Before the announcement, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the Egyptian military leader, described his country's relations with the United States as "strategic" and founded on mutual interests. But he told the Cairo daily, Al-Masry al-Youm, in an interview pub-

lished on Wednesday that Egypt would not tolerate pressure, "whether through actions or hints."

Neighboring Israel also has indicated concern. The Israelis consider the U.S. aid to Egypt to be important support for the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. The State Department stressed that the long-standing U.S. partnership with Egypt would continue and that it sees the aid decision as temporary. Still, the decision puts ties between the U.S. and Egypt at their rockiest point in more than three decades. "The United States continues to support a democratic transition and oppose violence as a means of resolving differences within Egypt," State Department spokes-

woman Jen Psaki said. "We will continue to review the decisions regarding our assistance periodically and will continue to work with the interim government to help it move toward our shared goals in an atmosphere free of violence and intimidation."

The U.S. will continue to provide support for health and education and counterterrorism, spare military parts, military training and education, border security and security assistance in the Sinai Peninsula where near-daily attacks against security forces and soldiers have increasingly resembled a full-fledged insurgency.

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Dutch apologize to Russia over diplomat's arrest

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Netherlands apologized to Russia on Wednesday for the arrest and detention of a Russian diplomat — but the move

lice who arrested Borodin — a statement unlikely to appease Russian demands for action against the officers. The two nations remain in talks about the situation.

Alexei Pushkov, chief of the

foreign affairs committee in the lower house of Russia's parliament, wasn't satisfied.

"The Hague has offered us its excuses, but it has effectively sought to justify the police action, calling it

'professional.' So, there are excuses but there is no one to blame," he tweeted.

Police have declined to comment on the incident. Dutch state broadcaster NOS reported that police had traced a car involved in an accident that day to Borodin's home, and neighbors told police they were worried for the safety of the children inside.

The Dutch-Russian spat shifted to another topic Wednesday as Russia questioned the quality of one of the Netherlands' key exports — cheese.

The chief of Russia's agriculture products agency was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying a Russian delegation inspecting Dutch cheese-making facilities was not satisfied with the quality of the product. Agency head Sergei Dankvert said the results were preliminary and a full report would come later.

In Moscow, meanwhile, Vladimir Markin, a spokesman for the Investigative Committee dealing with the Greenpeace incident,

said investigators were trying to identify the activists whose inflatable boats tried to block Russian coast guards. He said they were "threatening life and safety of an official." He also said "dual use equipment" and drugs were found on board the Greenpeace boat that protested Sept. 18 at a Gazprom-owned oil rig. Russian authorities have seized the boat.

Greenpeace said "any claim that illegal drugs were found is a smear, it's a fabrication, pure and simple."

The head of Greenpeace International wrote to Russian President Vladimir Putin requesting a meeting in Moscow — and offering himself as human bail for the detainees. Kumi Naidoo of the Amsterdam-based organization delivered the letter to the Russian embassy in The Hague on Wednesday. He said he would guarantee the activists' good conduct but said piracy charges don't make sense and should be dropped. □



Maarten Huiskamp, left, talks to his customers in De Kaaskamer cheese store in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Wednesday Oct. 9, 2013. As a diplomatic spat over the arrest and detention of a Russian diplomat continued, Russian news agencies on Wednesday quoted the chief of the country's agriculture products agency as saying that a Russian delegation currently inspecting Dutch cheese-making facilities is not satisfied with the quality of the local produce.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

appears unlikely to be enough to ease growing tensions between the two nations.

The swift apology by Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans aimed to smooth over a diplomatic spat that has further soured relations already tested by Russia's seizure last month of a Dutch-flagged Greenpeace ship protesting oil drilling in the Arctic. Russia has charged all 30 people on board with piracy, which carries a maximum 15-year sentence.

Diplomat Dmitry Borodin was arrested Saturday by police in The Hague over what Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich called an "absolutely contrived" allegation of child abuse.

His arrest breached the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations, Timmermans said in a statement Wednesday. "The Netherlands offers the Russian Federation its apologies." Still, the minister said he understood the action of po-

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The U.S. officials providing the details did so only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment by name.

Other details about what military assistance is being cut were not immediately known, and the State Department declined to give an indication of how severe the impact of the cuts in assistance might be in Egypt.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who chairs the Senate Appropriations panel that funds U.S. assistance to Egypt, criticized the Obama administration's action as too little.

"Our law is clear. When there is a military coup, U.S. aid to the government is cut off," Leahy said in a statement. "Rather than encourage reconciliation and restore democracy as it promised, the Egypt-

tian military has reinstituted martial law and cracked down on the Islamic opposition, which has also used violence."



Egypt's interim President Adly Mansour, center, Defense Minister Abdel-Fatah el-Sissi, left, and other officials visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and President Anwar Sadat's memorial in Cairo, Egypt. U.S. officials said Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, that the Obama administration slashed hundreds of millions of dollars in military and economic assistance to Egypt.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

Others, including some sharp political opponents of Obama on other subjects, supported the president's decision.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., whose bill to halt aid to

Egypt was roundly defeated in the Senate in July, said he was happy to see the administration "finally thinking about following

the law."

Administration officials, on a conference call to brief reporters on the decision, said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel talked on the phone on Wednesday with

el-Sissi, who led the military effort that ousted Morsi. They said the conversation was cordial, professional and ended on a positive tone. But the decision certainly creates new friction in Washington's already uneasy relations with the government that ousted Morsi. And the consequences won't end there. The move will anger Persian Gulf states, push Egypt to seek assistance from U.S. rivals and upend decades of close ties with the Egyptians that have been a bulwark of stability in the Middle East.

Egypt gives the United States permission to fly over its territory to supply American troops in the Gulf, allows the U.S. to move troops and materiel through the Suez Canal without delay and cooperates with American intelligence agencies. It is unclear if cooperation on these fronts will be affected by the aid decision. □

IMF: US debt default would imperil the global economy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. debt default in the event that a politically divided Congress fails to raise the federal borrowing limit would imperil the entire global economic recovery, a senior International Monetary Fund official warned Wednesday.

But Jose Vinals, the IMF's financial counselor, said he sees the actual risk of such a default as very low.

"It would be a worldwide shock," Vinals told a Washington news conference, at which the IMF released its Global Financial Stability Report.

"This is something that would have very significant repercussions on financial markets around the world, not just on the United States," Vinals said. "So let's hope that we never get there."

The report was released ahead of the IMF and World Bank's annual meeting later this week. It's a gathering that brings together leading financial officials from around the globe. The IMF said that the partial U.S. government shutdown, now in its second week, is adding to uncertainty about the still-fragile global economic recovery.

"While the damage to the U.S. economy from a short shutdown is likely to be limited, a longer shutdown could be quite harmful," the report said. "And even more importantly, a failure to promptly raise the debt ceiling, leading to a U.S. selective default, could seriously damage the global economy and financial system." The bulk of U.S. governmental operations were shuttered last week after lawmakers in the House and Senate failed to agree on a spending bill to fund government at the start of the new fiscal year. Republicans in Congress are refusing to approve a temporary spending bill, demanding changes or elimination of Obama's 2010 health care law.

Republicans are linking the health care plan to the budget battle because they contend the costs of it could severely harm the U.S. economy. Democrats say it is legislation that has already been approved as "settled law" and that it has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. They insist that spending and debt ceiling bills are vital in their own right and should not come with conditions attached.

Separately, Democrats and Republicans are also clashing as a deadline approaches for boosting the government's \$16.7 trillion borrowing limit. Republicans are demanding spending cuts to reduce the budget deficit as the price for supporting an increase in the debt ceiling. The president and fellow Democrats insist that Congress first end the shutdown and extend the debt limit before any negotiations.

The worries about the U.S. economy extend beyond the shutdown and prospects, albeit remote, of a debt default.

The IMF report also said the U.S. central bank's expected tapering of its economic stimulus program would pose one of the biggest challenges to increasing global financial stability.

The Federal Reserve is expected to begin the transition early next year, scaling back its \$85-billion-a-month in bond purchases that have injected cash into the sluggish economy to boost growth. The easing will be a vote of confidence that the economy is strong enough to stand without extraordinary stimulus.

The IMF report said this U.S. strength should help shore up global financial stability. Yet managing a smooth transition out of the extraordinary bond purchases "could prove challenging" as both interest rates and market volatility rise. □

Yellen gets nod as fiscal battle heats up

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As for the woman he has chosen to replace Bernanke, the president said that Yellen was "renowned for her good judgment," and that she sounded early alarms about the financial and housing bubbles that caused the economy's near-collapse in 2008.

"Given the urgent economic challenges facing our nation, I urge the Senate to confirm Janet without delay," Obama said. "I'm absolutely confident that she will be an excep-

ing emergency actions that could be financially destabilizing at best and provoke a global crisis at worst.

The nomination adds a wild card to the mix, and the need for Senate hearings, debate and votes adds to Congress' already complicated mix of year-end business. A few Senate Republicans, like Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, have spoken out against her as too dovish on monetary policy, but Yellen is widely expected to be confirmed. Administration officials say

to know who would take over from Bernanke when his term ends Jan. 31, and who would wind down the expansionary monetary policy that he engineered to help the recovering economy - particularly given the 3-year-old stalemate between the Democratic White House and the Republican-controlled House of Representatives over the more stimulative fiscal policies that Obama favors. Generally markets see Yellen as representing welcome continuity after Bernanke, having been his



President Barack Obama stands with outgoing Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Janet Yellen, vice chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. President Obama nominated Yellen to be chair of the nation's powerful central bank, succeeding Bernanke at a pivotal time for the economy and the Fed's monetary policies.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

tional chair of the Federal Reserve."

Yellen, in a brief response, said, "While I think we all agree, Mr. President, that more needs to be done to strengthen the recovery, particularly for those hardest hit by the Great Recession, we have made progress. The economy is stronger and the financial system sounder."

Yellen's nomination comes amid one of the most rancorous and fraught battles in years between the political parties over the course of the economy. The federal government is already in partial shutdown because of an impasse over funding in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, and the Treasury Department is approaching the debt limit next week, jeopardizing its authority to borrow to pay the nation's bills and forc-

the timing of her pick is mostly a coincidence, but it could serve Obama's interests in the current budget fight.

Yellen has nearly unanimous support in the Democratic majority in the Senate, which must confirm her for the job. By contrast, had Obama nominated Lawrence H. Summers, who was thought to be Obama's first choice but was a divisive figure among Democrats, that would have injected a wedge at a time the president needs a united party at his back. Perhaps worse, it would have ensured a Senate confirmation fight when Obama least needs it and when markets crave greater certainty in the direction of both monetary and fiscal policy.

Financial markets and businesses have been anxious

ally on the major issues.

With congressional Democrats eager for the first Fed chief with a Democratic pedigree, for the first time in a quarter-century - both President Bill Clinton and Obama previously named Republican appointees Alan Greenspan and Bernanke, respectively, to second four-year terms - progressive senators and outside groups pressed for Yellen over Summers, viewing her fairly or not as more open to regulating big banks and more likely to stress the job-creation aspect of the Fed's dual mandate to fight unemployment and inflation.

Among Republicans, Sen. Michael D. Crapo of Idaho, the senior Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, was noncommittal in a statement on his website. □

AP Sources: Republicans weigh short-term debt bill

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Republican leaders are considering a short-term increase in the debt limit as a possible way out of the gridlock that threatens the nation with an unprecedented default in as little as a week, officials

said Wednesday night.

At the same time, there is far less urgency inside the leadership about ending a nine-day government shut-down which has caused inconvenience for many, but appears not to threaten the widespread economic damage a default might bring.

Officials declined to say what conditions, if any might be attached to a bill to raise the \$16.7 trillion debt limit for an undetermined period, perhaps a few weeks or months. The Republican rank and file are expected to meet and discuss the issue on Thursday, before a delega-



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, left, gets into an elevator following a vote on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. House Republican leaders are considering a short-term increase in the debt limit as a possible way out of the gridlock that threatens the nation with an unprecedented default in as little as a week, officials said Wednesday night.

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tion led by Speaker John Boehner goes to the White House to meet with President Barack Obama.

Obama has said he won't agree to sign a debt limit increase if conditions are attached. Republicans are demanding as yet-unspecified concessions to reduce deficits or make changes in the nation's three-year-old health care law.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to disclose details of private deliberations.

The U.S. government has been partially shut since Oct. 1 because of Congress' failure to pass a normally routine temporary spending bill. Obama also wants Congress to extend the government's borrowing authority — another once-routine matter — warning that if it fails to do so by Oct. 17, the United States will not be able to pay its bills.

The Obama administration has said that unless Congress acts, it expects to have an estimated \$30 billion in cash left by Oct. 17. That is pocket change for a government that can spend tens of billions more than that on busy days and \$3.6 trillion a year.

Hitting that date without congressional action would risk an unprecedented federal default

that would wound the economy and deal lasting harm to the government's ability to borrow money, many economists warn.

Meanwhile, the financial world is flashing unmistakable signs that it fears Washington's twin battles could hurt the economy.

On Wednesday, the International Monetary Fund's financial counselor, Jose Vinals, said a failure by Congress to raise the federal debt ceiling and a subsequent U.S. default would cause "a worldwide shock."

Also, the National Retail Federation became the latest business group to urge lawmakers to quickly end their standoff. In a letter to congressional leaders, federation President Matthew Shay wrote Congress must "reverse the economic crisis it has created through the shut-down while it is still a short-term crisis and not the beginning of another recession." Some Republicans have downplayed the significance of the deadline, saying that even then, the United States would be able to pay China and other holders of U.S. debt. But Obama said they were badly misguided, warning that default would harm the economy, cause retirement accounts to shrivel and houses to lose value. □

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Judge sends drug website suspect to New York



This artist rendering shows Ross William Ulbricht, second from left, appearing in Federal Court with his public defender Brandon LeBlanc, left, in San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday ordered a California man charged with operating a notorious online drug marketplace known as Silk Road to be sent to New York to face charges.

Ross William Ulbricht, 29, agreed to remain in custody, waiving his right to argue for release on bail. His public defender Brandon LeBlanc said Ulbricht will be transferred immediately from his jail cell in downtown Oakland and might argue for release

once he reaches New York, where he is charged with three felonies related to the website, including solicitation of murder.

Silk Road gained widespread notoriety two years ago as a black market bazaar where visitors could buy and sell drugs using bitcoins, a form of online cash. A so-called hidden site, Silk Road used an online tool known as Tor to mask the location of its servers. While many other sites sell drugs more or less openly, Silk Road's technical sophistication, its user-friendly escrow system and its promise of near-total anonymity quickly made it among the best known.

The FBI shut down the site when they arrested Ulbricht on Oct. 1 at a small branch library in San Francisco as

he chatted online with a cooperating witness, according to authorities and court papers. He is also charged in Baltimore federal court with soliciting the murder of a former worker who was arrested on drug charges. The indictment alleges Ulbricht feared the former worker would turn on him. The FBI said Ulbricht unwittingly hired an undercover agent for the murder, which the FBI staged but never took place.

Prosecutors in New York have charged Ulbricht with trying unsuccessfully to solicit the murder of a Canadian man who allegedly hacked into Silk Road, obtained dealers names and began blackmailing Ulbricht.

Ulbricht is accused of operating Silk Road under the

alias "Dread Pirate Roberts" and earning \$80 million from commissions involving every sale.

LeBlanc has denied the charges against Ulbricht and said outside court on Wednesday that Ulbricht will be represented by another lawyer in New York. LeBlanc declined to say if the attorney will be privately retained or a public defender.

Inside, LeBlanc told U.S. Magistrate Court Judge Joseph Spero, "we ... disavow all aliases" alleged in the government's charge.

"All we admitted to is that he is Ross Ulbricht," LeBlanc said outside court. "That was the only admission."

Federal defendants must be formally identified before authorities can transfer them. □

Police: Gunman who fired at West Virginia courthouse dies

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Associated Press

WHEELING, West Virginia (AP) — A man armed with what federal marshals described as an assault-type rifle fired up to two dozen rounds at a West Virginia federal courthouse Wednesday until police returned fire and killed him, state police said. One security officer within the Wheeling Federal Building was hurt by flying debris, but there were no other injuries, said Chief Deputy Mike Claxton of the Marshals Service in northern West Virginia. State police spokesman Sgt. Michael Baylous confirmed that the man died from police fire but did not have his identity or any details about him. Claxton said investigators

were seeking a search warrant for the gunman's home in hopes of determining a motive and if he acted alone. Asked if the gunman had any beef with the U.S. government, Claxton said: "We're really digging hard at this point to find out." Claxton said the man began firing from a parking lot across from the federal building. "He was observed in the parking lot very quickly after the first shots were fired," he said. Courthouse security and local police shot at the man. Claxton did not know if there was an exchange of gunfire. The building houses a variety of courtrooms and related offices, including judges, prosecutors and law enforcement. □

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Boston:

Bus drivers return to work amid uncertainty

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BOSTON - School-bus drivers returned to work Wednesday after a surprise daylong work stoppage that left thousands of schoolchildren stranded at home and at bus stops. About 18 percent of students missed school Tuesday, city officials said, about three times the average absentee rate. Mayor Thomas M. Menino was furious with the striking drivers, calling them selfish and saying their jobs were in jeopardy. "The strike didn't do anybody any good," the mayor told radio station WBUR on Wednesday. "The issues they're raising are not real issues," he said, adding that different drivers offered different reasons for walking out. He said he could not fire them all at once because the city could not hire enough replacements overnight. The drivers have complained about changes in

payroll administration and in their health care plan, as well as a new GPS system that allows parents to track the location of their children's buses in real time through a smartphone app. Although drivers have returned to work for now, officials told parents Wednesday to make con-

tingency plans in case the drivers walked out in the future. "Unfortunately we do not have confidence that service will continue every day," Boston public schools said on its website Wednesday afternoon. "Parents should continue to have alternate plans in place."

Schools opened an hour early Wednesday so parents could drop off their children and still get to work. City buses and subways were free for all students. The stoppage appeared to have been set off in a roundabout way by the shutdown of the federal government. □



School bus drivers strike outside the Readville school bus yard in Boston, Oct. 8, 2013. School bus drivers in Boston took parents and city officials by surprise Tuesday morning with a work stoppage that left thousands of the city's 33,000 school children stranded at home or at bus stops.
(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)

3-star admiral fired as nuclear commander

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AP National Security Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The deputy commander of U.S. nuclear forces, Vice Adm. Tim Giardina, was notified Wednesday that he has been relieved of duty amid a military investigation of allegations that he used counterfeit chips at an Iowa casino, the Navy said. The move is exceedingly rare and perhaps unprecedented in the history of U.S. Strategic Command, which is responsible for all American nuclear warfighting forces, including nuclear-armed submarines, bombers and land-based missiles.

The Navy's top spokesman, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said Giardina, who had held the job since December 2011, is being reassigned to the Navy staff pending the outcome of the probe by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The gambling matter originated as a local law enforcement investigation in Iowa in June. As a consequence of being removed from his post at Strategic Command, Giardina falls in rank to two-star admiral. He had been suspended by Gen. Robert Kehler, the top commander at Strategic Command, on Sept. 3, although that move was not disclosed publicly until Sept. 28. After his suspension Giardina remained at Strategic Command but was not allowed to perform duties that required use of his security clearance. The decision to take the next step — to relieve him of duty — was made on Oct. 3, one official said. That required approval by President Barack Obama, two defense officials said. □

SF hospital: body that of missing patient

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A patient who disappeared from her room at San Francisco's main hospital more than two weeks ago has been identified as the woman found dead this week in a stairwell at the facility, authorities said Wednesday as they continued to investigate how she got there and what caused her death. San Francisco General Hospital Chief Medical Officer Todd May said officials were still awaiting confirmation of the woman's identity from

the medical examiner's office. But he said hospital officials had enough information to conclude it was 57-year-old Lynne Spalding, a native of England. "What happened at our hospital is horrible," a visibly emotional May said at a news conference. "We are here to take care of patients, to heal them, to keep them safe. This has shaken us to our core. Our staff is devastated." The San Francisco Sheriff's Department provides security at the public hospi-

tal, which has more than 400 beds and serves about 100,000 patients a year. Sheriff's officials do not yet know how long Spalding had been in the stairwell, part of a fire exit that has an alarm on it, is locked from the outside and exits onto hospital grounds, Assistant Sheriff Paul Miyamoto said. She was admitted to San Francisco General Hospital for an infection Sept. 19 and was reported missing from her room there two days later. Miyamoto said a member

of the hospital's engineering staff found Spalding on Tuesday — 17 days after she disappeared — while conducting a routine quarterly check. "All of us are committed to learning what happened and insuring it never happens again," Miyamoto said. David Perry, a friend of Spalding's who is acting as a spokesman for her family, called the news a "nightmare" and said city officials have a lot of explaining to do. □

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US Financial Front:

Investors keep faith in America in crisis after crisis

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Global investors have stayed remarkably confident in the U.S. despite one budget crisis after another. But they're starting to wonder if the latest political impasse will tarnish America's Teflon image.

So far, the nation's reputation as the world's best place to invest remains unshaken. The 10-year Treasury note, the bedrock of the government's debt market, has attracted more money in recent weeks, not less, and the stock market is still close to record highs.

Still, the squabbling in Washington over the debt ceiling, which follows squabbling over automatic spending cuts earlier this year, is severely testing investor patience. Many fear a default would be a tipping point, sending bond and stock prices plunging. The repeated budgetary brinkmanship is making some question their faith in the U.S.

"The more times you give politicians a chance to completely muck something up, the more chance ... they will do it," says Gary Jenkins, managing director of Swordfish Research in London. "If this were to become a regular occurrence, then, who knows?" The U.S. Treasury has warned it will run out of money if Congress does not agree to raise a \$16.7 trillion cap on borrowing by Oct. 17 and allow it to issue more debt. That has raised the specter that the U.S. won't be able to pay

interest on its debt. Republicans say they won't allow more borrowing unless Democrats agree to restructure benefits programs or cut the deficit; the White House has ruled out negotiations tied to the debt cap.

The Treasury says a default on bond payments could freeze global credit, spike borrowing costs and trigger a collapse worse than the Great Recession.

Even with such a dire scenario, investors continue to buy Treasuries. On Tuesday, the yield on the 10-year note, which falls when investors buy, was 2.63 percent, near a two-month low.

U.S. stocks fell again on Tuesday, the 11th drop in the last 14 trading days. Still, the Standard and Poor's 500 index reached an all-time high just three weeks ago and is only 4 percent below that peak.

The debt ceiling fight echoes the Congressional standoff over the same issue in the summer of 2011.

Experts say the U.S. attracts money now for the same reason it did back then: Many other countries are faring worse than the U.S. China, India and Brazil are slowing dramatically. Japan is struggling to shake off a two-decade slump. The 17 countries of the eurozone have just emerged from a recession.

"We're the best of worst," says David Sherman, head of Cohanick Management, a manager of bond funds. He adds that the U.S. tends to "bounce back" from crises.

In the 2011 crisis, for ex-

ample, U.S. stock prices dropped, but recovered most of their losses by the end of the year.

Many investors think the costs of a default are too high for politicians not to raise the borrowing cap before the deadline. But they're still worried. Congress hasn't agreed on a spending bill for the new

happens a big one, to force lawmakers to compromise. The precedent for this is the 778-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average on Sept. 29, 2008, after Congress rejected a \$700 billion bailout bill, known as Troubled Asset Relief Program. The TARP bill was passed within days.

"This whole shutdown

held assets in the world, so it's easy to buy and sell them, even when people are panicking.

"People crave Treasuries because it is the most liquid market," says Mark Vitner, a senior economist at Wells Fargo.

After the rating agency Standard and Poor's stripped the U.S. of its top



A statue of former Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin outside the Treasury Building in Washington. Global investors have stayed remarkably confident in the U.S. despite one budget crisis after another. But they're starting to wonder if the latest political impasse will tarnish America's Teflon image. (AP Photo)

budget year that began Oct. 1. A lack of funding led to a partial shutdown of the government, which entered its ninth day on Wednesday.

"If we're having trouble with this government shutdown, and no negotiation, what's going to happen in two weeks?" asks Talley Leger, a strategist at Macro Vision Research, an investment consultancy.

Leger thinks it may take a further drop in stocks, per-

could easily drag out to the debt deadline," says Bill Strazzullo, chief market strategist of Bell Curve Trading.

His guess is that the Dow falls to 14,200 — down 576 points from Tuesday's close.

The prospects for U.S. bonds are more complicated.

When investors anticipate a crisis, they tend to buy U.S. bonds. Treasuries are one of the mostly widely

credit rating in August 2011, people bought more U.S. debt. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell below 2 percent for the first time in a half century.

"For all its theatrical problems, the U.S. is still a haven," says Marshall Mays, director of Hong Kong-based Emerging Alpha Advisors. Mays says money should continue to flow to the U.S. from Asia.

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Trial date for Morsi stokes political drama

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The politically charged trial of Egypt's Mohammed Morsi will begin Nov. 4, almost four months to the day after the country's first democratically elected president was toppled by the military, authorities said Wednesday.

The prosecution of Morsi on charges of inciting his followers to kill opponents of his rule takes the crack-

ing the interim leadership to move quickly toward a democratically elected government.

For Egypt's military-backed government, the trial is a chance to lay out their justification for the sweeping arrest campaign and ultimately for Morsi's ouster. Authorities contend the former president and the Brotherhood, which dominated power during his year in office, committed crimes while in power —

most no contact with the outside world beyond two phone calls with his family. During his interrogation, his defense lawyers have not been allowed to talk to him and say they have not been shown any documentation of the prosecution's case.

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In this file photo, then Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, center, speaks with Minister of Defense, Lt. Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, left, at a military base in Ismailia, Egypt.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

down on his Muslim Brotherhood to a new level and is likely to fuel protests by his Islamist supporters, stoking the turmoil shaking Egypt. Since his July 3 ouster, Morsi's backers have taken to the streets in rallies met by a fierce response by security forces that has left hundreds dead. Wednesday's announcement comes as the United States announced it was cutting hundreds of millions of dollars in annual aid to Egypt and its military — a show of discontent with the crack-down aimed at pressur-

ing the interim leadership to move quickly toward a democratically elected government. But the military, now Egypt's dominant political power, also opens itself up to criticism it is carrying out show trials to crush the Brotherhood, which accuses the army and its supporters of wrecking Egypt's fledgling democracy. Already there are questions whether the trial, in which Morsi and 14 other members of his Brotherhood are defendants, can be fair.

Morsi has been held in secret military detention since his ouster, with al-

most no contact with the outside world beyond two phone calls with his family. During his interrogation, his defense lawyers have not been allowed to talk to him and say they have not been shown any documentation of the prosecution's case.

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Watchdog says Syria has been 'cooperative' over weapons

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GENEVA - The head of the international watchdog overseeing the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons arsenal said Wednesday that a team of 15 inspectors had begun to visit sites and that the Syrian authorities had been "quite constructive" and "cooperative." The official, Ahmet Uzumcu, director-general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, said completing the work within the "extremely tight" deadline of mid-2014 agreed on by the United States and Russia would depend on whether temporary cease-fires could be arranged between government and opposition forces. "If we can ensure cooperation by all parties, and if some temporary cease-fires could be established in order to permit our experts to work in a permissive environment, I think the targets could be reached," Uzumcu said, delivering his first public comments on the issue at a news conference streamed live from the organization's headquarters in The Hague.

Inspectors, supported by U.N. personnel, have already visited one site and were set to visit another on Wednesday, said Uzumcu, a Turkish diplomat who has led the organization for several years. He noted that they would visit a total of around 20 in coming weeks. The sites would be those identified by the Syrian government in a preliminary inventory of its chemical weapons program presented to the OPCW last month. The disclosures were made to meet the requirements of a U.N. Security Council resolution

that warded off a U.S. military strike after an August poison gas attack in the suburbs of Damascus that killed hundreds of people.

U.S. officials had estimated that Syria had at least 45 chemical weapons sites before it started moving munitions and consolidating to increase security.

U.S. officials have said that, while the Syrian government's preliminary inventory was more extensive than some anticipated, it was not complete. "Whether there has been sufficient cooperation is an open question," a European diplomat in The Hague said Wednesday in a telephone interview, speaking on the condition of anonymity in line with diplomatic practice. The Syrian government is to submit a more formal declaration by Oct. 27, which will be scrutinized for holes. "That will give us some ability to say how serious they are," the diplomat said.

The declaration is expected to lay out the full history of Syria's chemical warfare program, providing details on all sites involved in researching, producing or storing its arsenal. It is also supposed to lay out a plan for completing destruction, which will be monitored by the international inspectors. The first team of inspectors from the OPCW arrived in Damascus last week. By Sunday, the team had reported that it was already overseeing the destruction of "Category 3" weapons - meaning missile warheads, aerial bombs and systems for delivering chemical agents as well as equipment for mixing and producing them - a process that is to be completed by the end of this month. □

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Ideological skirmishes follow Iran's outreach to the West

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's internal power plays have produced many moments of political theater, but never one like this: The foreign minister checks himself into a hospital because of stress, blaming it on hard-line critics of the recent thaw with Washington. A cascade of events Wednesday suggested there was no end in sight to the ideological skirmishes following President Hassan Rouhani's outreach to the U.S. Those overtures will be put to the test next week in Geneva when nuclear talks with world powers resume. For Rouhani, the immediate prize would be winning pledges from the West to roll back painful sanctions in exchange for concessions on Tehran's nuclear program. But, on a deeper level, Rouhani's gambit also exposes sudden insecurities among the West-bashing factions that have shaped Iranian affairs for decades.

If Rouhani's brand of diplomacy pays off in the eyes of Iran's top policymaker, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, it could bring sharper limits on the reach of powerful factions led by the Revolutionary Guard — which has already been warned by Khamenei to stay out of politics and let Rouhani's overtures run their course. The Guard will remain a pillar of Iran's establishment no matter what happens with Rouhani's efforts. But Khamenei's directive to give Rouhani political breathing room was a rare roadblock for a group whose power and influence has expanded steadily in the past de-

cade. The Revolutionary Guard's network now extends beyond its fighting forces to cover sectors as diverse as the nuclear program and airport security. Possible attempts by Khamenei to separate the Guard from the worlds of politics and foreign affairs would mark a profound change on how Iran interacts with the West, and of-

fer more of flexibility in diplomacy. "Opposition or frustration by hard-liners is a natural reaction," said Tehran-based political analyst Saeed Leilaz. "But nothing can derail Rouhani's policy of outreach to the U.S." as long as Khamenei remains nominally in his corner. Khamenei has previously said he's not opposed to

direct talks with the U.S. to resolve Iran's nuclear standoff with the West but is not optimistic. Last week, he called the U.S. "untrustworthy." "There is a political will to reduce tensions with the U.S.," said a Tehran political commentator, Hamid Reza Shokouhi. "This strategy is supported by the supreme leader." But that has not stopped

critics of Rouhani's government from making their complaints heard. The nationally broadcast Friday prayers last week included the familiar chants of "Death to America." A week earlier, protesters hurled eggs and insults and Rouhani's entourage after he returned from the groundbreaking exchanges in New York. □



Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, center, attends a graduation ceremony of army cadets in Tehran, Iran. Iran's top leader hinted that he disapproved of the phone call between Presidents Hassan Rouhani and Barack Obama during the Iranian leader's trip to New York last month.

(AP Photo/Office of the Iranian Supreme Leader)

Ex-Pakistan leader released from house arrest

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A Pakistani court granted bail on Wednesday to Pervez Musharraf, the country's former military ruler, clearing the way for him to leave the country as early as Thursday, his lawyers said. Musharraf, 70, has been under house arrest at his villa outside Islamabad since April, facing criminal charges in three cases related to his nine years in power, from 1999 to 2008.

The prospect of a former army chief facing potential imprisonment appeared, for a time, to signal new limits to the unofficial immunity from prosecution that Pakistan's top generals have long enjoyed. Musharraf had already been granted bail in two of the three cases, and the decision Wednesday to grant bail in the third — related to the death of Akbar Khan Bugti, a Baloch nationalist leader killed in a military operation

— opens the door for him to avoid prosecution entirely. Musharraf's lawyers said that his bail payment of \$20,000 could be processed as early as Thursday morning; he could then leave Pakistan immediately. Ahmad Raza Khan Qasuri, the vice president of Musharraf's political party, the All Pakistan Muslim League, said that Musharraf might go to see his 90-year-old mother. "He's a free person — he can

go out whenever he likes," Qasuri said in a telephone interview. "His mother, who is a very aged lady, lives in Dubai. He might go tomorrow or the day after to see her. But his base will continue to be in Islamabad." Still, Musharraf has rebuffed previous entreaties from his advisers, and from senior military leaders, to leave Pakistan, particularly if doing so would prevent him from returning to fight his battles in court. □

Saudi women in top council want driving debate

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)
— Saudi women on the ul-

women from driving since Islamic law and Saudi traffic laws do not forbid it. Women seeking the right to drive in Saudi Arabia have

month and has so far garnered nearly 15,000 signatures. In 2011, a Saudi woman was detained for posting

er, father or uncle. Hard-line clerics have opposed the driving campaign and recently a prominent Saudi cleric caused



Saudi women board a taxi in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. A campaign calling on women to drive on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, has started gathering support online and already has nearly 15,000 signatures.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

traconservative kingdom's top advisory council have called for a discussion on the sensitive issue of allowing women to drive, a move that could embolden reformers pushing to lift the ban. The official request was made this week to the head of the Shura Council, council member Latifa al-Shaalan said, to address all "excuses" raised to keep

been energized by a campaign calling on them to drive on Oct. 26. Saudi law does not explicitly prohibit them from driving, but religious edicts by senior and influential clerics are enforced by the police, effectively banning it. Authorities do not issue driving licenses to women. The campaign started as an online petition last

an online video of herself driving, though her arrest launched wider protests. The country is guided by an ultraconservative interpretation of Islam called Wahhabism. Women cannot travel, work, study abroad, marry, get divorced or gain admittance to a public hospital without permission from a male guardian — typically a husband, broth-

a stir when he said medical studies show that driving has adverse effects on women's ovaries because it forces the pelvis upward. Al-Shaalan, the Shura Council member, told journalists that the recommendation for the discussion on women driving is not meant to coincide with the campaign and that it has been studied for a while. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Brazilian doctors amputate wrong leg of a patient

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian hospital says a patient with diabetic kidney failure has been left legless after going into an operation to amputate his right leg and having doctors remove his left. Marilda Santos is the spokesperson for Rio de Janeiro's Pedro Ernesto University Hospital. She says that on Friday doctors were supposed to amputate the right leg of Antonio Cesar Victorio but instead they removed his left leg. "When the patient's daughter told doctors they had removed the wrong leg, they amputated the other leg as well." She says the hospital is trying to determine if doctors committed a medical error or if they "removed the left leg because it too was compromised by the patient's disease." Victorio's daughter told the O Globo newspaper that the family plans to sue.

Monster truck driver hit with manslaughter

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP) — The driver of a monster truck that careened into a crowd of spectators, killing nine, was charged with manslaughter Tuesday. Chihuahua state prosecutors read the charges against Francisco Velazquez Samaniego during a hearing in which they also listed the names and injuries of the people killed. "He didn't meet the age and health requirements needed to be part of the show," prosecutor Gerardo Carbajal said. He didn't say what those requirements are. Velazquez Samaniego, 51, appeared before a judge wearing a neck brace as another person died at a hospital, raising the death toll from Saturday's incident to nine. At least 80 people were hurt during the monster truck exhibition in the northern city of Chihuahua. □

Report: 110 people own 35% of Russia's wealth

MOSCOW (AP) — A staggering 35 percent of household wealth in Russia is owned by just 110 people, the highest level of inequality in the world barring a few small Caribbean islands, a report by a major investment bank says. By contrast, billionaires worldwide account for just 1-2 percent of total wealth, Credit Suisse said in its report published Wednesday.

Russia has one billionaire for every \$11 billion in wealth while in the rest of the world there is one for every \$170 billion. The fall of Communism saw Russia's most prized assets sold off to a small circle of businessmen later known as oligarchs. President Vladimir Putin allowed them to keep their wealth in exchange for their political loyalty. Metals and banking ty-

coons Vladimir Potanin and Mikhail Fridman, who made their fortunes in the 90s, are still high on the list of Russia's richest men. But the past decade saw a rise of new billionaires who draw their wealth from state contracts and some of whom are known to be the presidents' friends, like Gennady Timchenko. Credit Suisse said that there were hopes with the demise of the Soviet Union

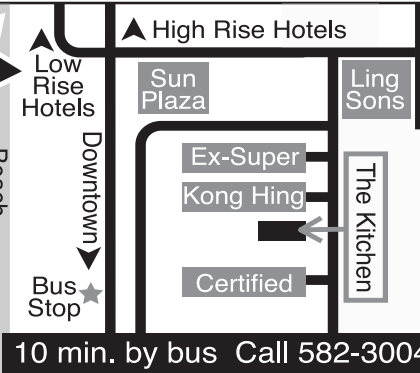
that Russia would turn into a high skilled economy with fair wealth distribution but "this is almost a parody of what happened in practice." The 35 percent of wealth that Russian billionaires own is equivalent to \$420 billion. "Russia has the highest level of wealth inequality in the world, apart from small Caribbean nations with resident billionaires," the bank said in the report. □

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FARC offers to put peace talks on hold

HAVANA (AP) — A negotiator for Colombia's main leftist rebel group says it is prepared to put peace talks on hold until after May presidential elections.

Negotiator Andres Paris also said Wednesday in Havana that both sides are close to an agreement on the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia's participation in the country's political life.

Paris told reporters the groups known by its Spanish initials FARC is prepared to move ahead on whatever the government offers in order to preserve the peace process.

The talks to end a nearly half-century-old conflict began in Cuba a year ago. They have proceeded more slowly than Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos desired. He is up for re-election in May, although he has not officially declared his candidacy.

Legislative elections are also due in March and Santos hard-line predecessor, Alvaro Uribe, is running for Senate. He is a staunch opponent of the peace process.

On Wednesday, Santos publicly repeated his plea for faster progress in the talks, where the most difficult issues have surrounded post-conflict measures to address abuses and rebel leaders' stated unwillingness to go to jail. A confidential partial agreement on land reform has been reached, negotiators say. The 15th and latest round of Havana talks began on Oct. 3.

The discussions have been held without a cease-fire because Santos has opposed it. □

Greenwald to Brazil: Give asylum to Snowden

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Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) —

The American journalist who broke the first stories about the National Security Agency's global spying program told Brazilian senators Wednesday that Brazil should give asylum to National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.

Glenn Greenwald spoke to senators investigating reports about U.S., British and Canadian spying on Latin America's largest nation.

When the senators pushed him to provide the Brazilian government access to the leaked documents at his disposal, Greenwald balked and said there should always be strict separation between governments and journalists.

Greenwald's partner, David Miranda, also appearing before the senators, added that the documents wouldn't be given to the Brazilian government because it would be an "act of treason" that could prevent Greenwald from ever entering the U.S. again.

Greenwald, a journalist for the Guardian newspaper

in Britain, is based in Rio de Janeiro. He previously reported in collaboration with Brazilian media that President Dilma Rousseff's communications with aides were intercepted, that the NSA hacked the computer network of state-run oil



American journalist Glenn Greenwald, right, speaks to a congressional committee investigating reports based on documents, leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, showing that Brazil was targeted by spy agencies from the U.S., Britain and Canada, at Congress in Brasilia, Brazil, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. At left his Greenwald's partner David Miranda. (AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

company Petrobras, and that the NSA scoops up data on billions of emails and telephone calls flowing through Brazil, which is an important hub for trans-Atlantic fiber optic cables. He told Brazilian senators

that if they really want to better understand U.S. surveillance programs, they should push their government to provide political asylum to Snowden, who received asylum in Russia on Aug. 1. Snowden has not spoken publicly and his

the U.S. government uses spying in large part to gain economic advantages.

"We now have several denunciations that show that the spy program is not about terrorism. It is about increasing the power of the American government," Greenwald told senators, speaking in Portuguese.

"There are many nations saying, 'We're glad to be learning all this information,' but almost nobody wants to protect the person responsible for letting the world discover it," Greenwald said, referring to Snowden and revelations based on the documents he leaked. Greenwald added that if "a government is serious about defending privacy of data and freedom of the press," it would protect Snowden.

The fallout over the spy programs led Rousseff last month to cancel a planned visit to Washington, where she was to be the guest of honor for a state dinner. In his most recent report, Greenwald said on a Globo network television show Sunday that Canadian spies targeted Brazil's Mines and Energy Ministry. The report said the "meta-data" of phone calls and emails from and to the Brazilian ministry were targeted by Canada's Communications Security Establishment. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said this week that he was "very concerned" about the allegations. □

Venezuela president seeks power to rule by decree

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) —

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has asked Congress to give him special decree-making powers that he says he needs to fight corruption and economic sabotage.

The opposition says Maduro is simply following the playbook of his late mentor, Hugo Chavez.

Four times during his 14 years as president, Chavez got the National Assembly to give him the power

to rule by decree. In all, Chavez used the power to enact 200 legal changes that strengthened state control over Venezuela's economy.

Opposition leader Henrique Capriles says giving Maduro decree power won't end food shortages and will only strengthen the hand of an executive he calls incompetent.

Capriles narrowly lost the April presidential election to Maduro. □

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Mexico: Woman denied help delivers outside clinic

ADRIANA LICON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An indigenous woman squats in pain after giving birth, her newborn still bound by the umbilical cord and lying on the ground. It's a photograph that horrified Mexicans because of where it took place: the lawn outside a medical clinic where

her third child, while grabbing the wall of a house next to the clinic.

"I didn't want to deliver like this. It was so ugly and with so much pain," she said, adding she was alone for the birth because her husband was trying to persuade the nurse to call for help.

A witness took the photo

ethnicity, said she and her husband walked an hour to the clinic from the family's one-bedroom hut in the mountains of northern Oaxaca. It would have taken them longer to get to the nearest highway to catch a ride to a hospital. She said that from the births of her two previous children, she knew she



29-year-old Irma Lopez talks to her children as her newborn son Salvador sleeps on her lap at her home in the town of Jalapa de Diaz, Mexico. A photo of Lopez grimacing in pain during the first moments after giving birth, with her child still bound to her by the umbilical cord, on the lawn of a clinic has gone viral and served as a reminder of the health disparities still affecting many poor women in Mexico without proper access to health care. A nurse kicked Lopez out of the clinic Oct. 2, claiming she was "still not ready" and had to wait for a doctor.

(AP Photo/Chema Alvarez)

the woman had been denied help, and it struck a nerve in a country where inequity is still pervasive.

The government of the southern state of Oaxaca announced Wednesday that it has suspended the health center's director, Dr. Adrian Cruz, while officials conduct state and federal investigations into the Oct. 2 incident.

The mother, Irma Lopez, 29, told The Associated Press that she and her husband were turned away from the health center by a nurse who said she was only eight months pregnant and "still not ready" to deliver.

The nurse told her to go outside and walk, and said a doctor could check her in the morning, Lopez said. But an hour and a half later, her water broke, and Lopez gave birth to a son,

and gave it to a news reporter. It ran in several national newspapers, including the full front page of a tabloid, and was widely circulated on the Internet. The case illustrated the shortcomings of maternal care in Mexico, where hundreds of women still die during or right after pregnancy. It also pointed to still persistent discrimination against Mexico's indigenous people persists.

"The photo is giving visibility to a wider structural problem that occurs within indigenous communities: Women are not receiving proper care. They are not being offered quality health services, not even a humane treatment," said Mayra Morales, Oaxaca's representative for the national Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights. Lopez, who is of Mazatec

didn't have time for that.

The federal Health Department said this week that it has sent staff to investigate what happened at the Rural Health Center of the village of San Felipe Jalapa de Diaz. The National Human Rights Commission also began an investigation after seeing news reports.

Nearly one in five women in the state of Oaxaca gave birth in a place that is not a hospital or a clinic in 2011, according to Mexico's census. Health officials have urged women to go to clinics to deliver their babies, but many women say the operating hours of the rural centers are limited and staffs small. A receptionist at the Rural Health Center told the AP that the doctor in charge was not available to comment about the case. □

CARIBBEAN NEWS BRIEFS

Cuba shaking up leadership at 2 papers

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban authorities are shaking up the leadership at two of the country's most prominent newspapers. Communist Party newspaper Granma says director Lazaro Barredo is being replaced by Pelayo Terry Cuervo, who previously headed the party's youth organ, Juventud Rebelde.

Juventud Rebelde deputy director Marina Quintero is being promoted to lead that newspaper. A brief story in Granma on Wednesday says the goal is to achieve "renewal." The decision was made by the Communist Party's Political Bureau. President Castro challenged Cuban journalists in 2011 to be bolder with "objective, constant and critical reporting."

Clinton, hotel to help Haiti coffee farms

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A high-end Canadian hotel chain will soon be lending a hand to Haiti's coffee farmers. The private foundation of former U.S. President Bill Clinton says Four Seasons Hotels Inc. will begin serving coffee exported from Haiti this fall in its New York and Toronto branches. The coffee is grown in the mountains surrounding Thiotte, a remote village southeast of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. The Clinton Foundation also announced it has teamed up with a fair trade group and a Canadian foundation to launch the Haiti Coffee Academy. This will provide training, tools and other resources to help improve the quality of Haitian coffee.

Fugitive arrested in Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A fugitive priest who was convicted of sexually abusing a child in the Dominican Republic has been detained during an unrelated probe. In 2010, the Rev. Domingo Espinal was sentenced to 15 years for raping a 12-year-old boy in 2003. He was allowed to remain free while he appealed, and when the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal last month he went on the run. The Dominican Republic's attorney general's office says Espinal was captured this week when he went to pick up a teenager who got in trouble for uploading a defamatory video to the Internet. Police recognized Espinal and arrested him.

UN rep pushes cholera damages in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A United Nations official this week made a rare case for compensation for the thousands of Haitians who have died of a cholera outbreak in the Caribbean nation. U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay didn't say who she thought should pay, but activists have demanded the world body provide compensation to the victims of a disease believed brought in by U.N. peacekeepers. "I have used my voice both inside the United Nations and outside to call for the right of those who suffered as a result of that cholera be provided with compensation," Pillay said at an awards ceremony for human rights activists in Geneva.

Cuba tour agencies reach private sector

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban government has authorized state-run tourism concerns to do business with the small but growing private sector. The measure could be a boon for Cuban entrepreneurs who rent rooms in their homes, run restaurants or offer guided tours. □



Last year's winner, Tia Rosa, will return to defend her title:

Aruba's famous Battle of the Food Trucks Returns!



PALM BEACH - On October 25 and 26, the island's top food trucks will once again be serving up their favorite dishes and duking it out for the title of Best Food Truck on the Island, during the 2nd annual Battle of the Food Trucks, on the parking lot in front of Trop Club & Casino.

This year, Trop Club & Casino has teamed up with Presidente Beer and Coca Cola to bring back the two-night mega event, which attracted huge crowds last year.

Last year's winner, Tia Rosa, will be defending her title of Food Truck Champ against competitors including Piet Super Snack Truck, the Hollywood Smokehouse, Gio JJ Burger, Ricuras, Chalo Burger, Il Buongusto, Candela Grill, Cocolishi Street Food, and many more. Aside from the prestigious title, over 5,000 Florins in prize money will be up for grabs. A panel of three local and international celebrities will be in charge of picking the ultimate winners.

To get everyone hyped up, some of the island's best musical bands will also be performing. Bands including Youth Extreme, Rincon Boyz, Ezequiel Anthony and Esquema, Le Groove, Upgrade Music, Sonic Lab, Claudius Philips and his band OREO, and Honey Pot will have everyone swaying their hips and dancing along, as they sample the offerings from the competing food trucks. In between supporting your favorite food truck, don't forget to check out the

domino tournament and the Harley Davidson show. An entire area of the event will be dedicated to entertaining the little ones, with a bouncy castle, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream, shaved ice and much more. Kids are encouraged to come dressed up in costumes on the 26th, so that they can go Trick or Treating at the event, and win prizes for the Halloween best costumes. There will also be prizes for the adults with the best Halloween costumes.

The Battle of the Food Trucks will take place on Friday, October 25, from 6pm to 11pm, and on Saturday, October 26, from 6pm to 1am. All funds raised will go to the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Fund, which has been raising awareness and helping cancer patients and their families for over 50 years.

If last year's battle was any indication, this year's Battle of the Food Trucks once again promises to be a showdown of epic and tasty proportions! □

Max and Sophie from OHIO Love Aruba!

PALM BEACH - Last winter Sophie warmed our hearts with her adorable Facebook post "Days like this make us miss Jolly Pirates!" This year Max and Sophie surprised us all when on the Jolly Pirates Fan Pages the brother and sister act from Ohio performed a cheerful tune full of their usual enthusiasm and Argggghs!! A typical summer day for Sophie and Max is spent catching up with their friends in Aruba enjoying old and new friend. These adorable kids are fortunate enough to spend two weeks at the Marriott Resort each July. Meeting up with long time friends who work at the Marriott Resort and joining several times their Pirate pals aboard the Jolly Pirate's teak Schooners are some of the best days spent in Aruba, explains Sophie, the afternoon we connected to chat about her school year. Topics covered were Sophie's team sports



and her competitive swim team while we sipped on frosty Pina Colodas at the seaside restaurant by the Hadicurari Pier. It should be of no surprise that Max would someday like to live in Aruba, his home away from home. With an annual two - week stay at the Marriott to look forward to each July, Sophie and Max visits include as many as twenty fam-

ily members comprising of parents, cousins, aunts and uncles. The children spend their two active weeks squeezing every bit of fun possible out of the island. Now back to school, their books and homework, Sophie looks forward to perfecting her talents swinging off the Jolly Pirates Rope Swing with Jose next July. Max will look forward



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to joking around with Javier with colorful, fruity drinks in the bar. Meldrick and Mike, who work at the Marriott Ocean Club are also missed. Certainly it can be said that the entire family has made countless friendships here. Next summer

promises to be equally enjoyable with more friendships found and more Bingo poolside at the Marriott Resort. Smokey Joes and Que Pasa are but two of their favorite places to have dinner with their family. □

Amazonia Churrascaria helps celebrate good times



PALM BEACH - A group of colleagues working together at the Caribbean Branch of TNO, convened with Director Jan Ebbing, for an evening of good food and

great companionship on the terrace at Amazonia Churrascaria. TNO, dedi-

cated to sustainability and internationalization wants to make the transition to a

renewable energy supply on Aruba as fast as possible, supporting the island's journey into the future with applied technology research in conjunction with local companies, the government and the local university.

The colleagues enjoyed their time together, and even chimed in when at the next door table, Franshelly Montalvo, from NY, staying at Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, celebrated her 25th birthday with family members. While it was Franshelly's first visit to the restaurant, her family members have been to Aruba and to the popular Brazilian-style Steakhouse many times before. Predictably, the birthday girl loved her special birthday treat, and shares the moment of celebration with the Gumbs family and other visiting family members from the Netherlands. □

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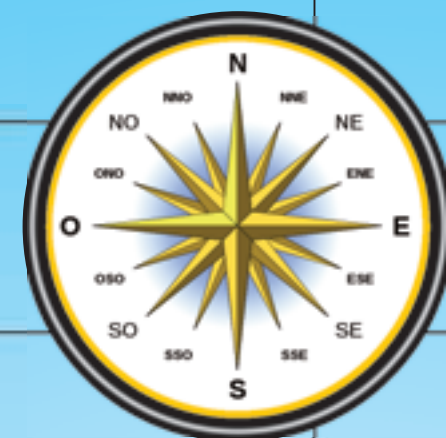
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Red Sox beat Rays 3-1 to reach ALCS

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — The Boston Red Sox advanced to the American League championship series with a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday, while the Detroit Tigers forced a decisive fifth game in their series with an 8-6 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Shane Victorino's infield single broke a seventh-inning deadlock and journeyman Craig Breslow gave Boston a huge boost out of the bullpen as the Red Sox rebounded to win the best-of-five playoff 3-1. Koji Uehara got the final four outs — one night after giving up a game-winning homer.

Back in the ALCS for the first time in five years, Boston opens at home Saturday against the Athletics or Tigers. Oakland hosts Detroit in a decisive Game 5 on Thursday.

Both managers mixed and matched all night in a tense game that felt more like a chess match. Desperately trying to avoid elimination, Rays skipper Joe Maddon used nine pitchers.

Breslow relieved Boston starter Jake Peavy in the sixth and struck out his first four batters — all of them in the middle of Tampa Bay's lineup.

Xander Bogaerts scored the leveling run on Joel



Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Koji Uehara (19) and his teammates celebrate after winning in Game 4 of an American League baseball division series, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Boston Red Sox's defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 to move on to the American League Championship Series.

Associated Press

Peralta's wild pitch in the seventh and Victorino followed with an RBI infield single. Dustin Pedroia drove in Bogaerts with a sacrifice fly in the ninth to make it 3-1, and Uehara struck out Evan Longoria to end it.

On a night of desperation, dispute and finally, delirium, the Detroit Tigers are heading back to California with the help of Max Scherzer and some fans in right field.

Playing catch-up most of the way, the Tigers drew level first with Jhonny Peralta's three-run homer in the fifth inning and then on Martinez's solo shot in the seventh. A couple of fans tried to catch Martinez's drive, and at least one of them bobbled the ball as he reached over the railing above the wall — preventing right fielder Josh Reddick from having any chance at a leaping grab. Reddick and center fielder Coco Crisp immediately protested, pointing up at the stands in the hope of a fan-interference call. But umpires upheld the home run after a replay review. Max Scherzer struck out Reddick and Stephen Vogt before getting pinch-hitter Alberto Callaspo to line out to center.

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This is a Friday, Sept. 3, 2010 file photo of Andy Murray of Britain as he grimaces and reaches for his back after making a return against Dustin Brown of Jamaica at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York.

Associated Press

Murray out of season-ending ATP Finals

LONDON (AP) — Wimbledon champion Andy Murray has pulled out of next month's season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London as he recovers from back surgery. The third-ranked Murray says in a statement on the ATP website that "I'm really disappointed not to

be playing this year, I love playing in front of my home crowd." Murray had an operation on his long-standing back problem last month and was always likely to miss the Nov. 4-11 event, which features the world's top eight singles players. He's competed in the last

five finals, and reached the semifinals twice. Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and David Ferrer are the three players to have qualified with four weeks remaining in the season. □

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NHL Capsules

Sharks rout Rangers 9-2

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— Tomas Hertl scored four goals, Matthew Nieto had his first NHL goal and added two assists and the San Jose Sharks beat the New York Rangers 9-2 Tuesday night.

Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Dan Boyle, Logan Couture and Justin Braun also scored for the Sharks, who won their third straight of the young season. They have outscored their opponents 17-4.

Jason Demers and Joe Pavelski each had three assists.

Brad Richards and Derek Dorsett scored for the Rangers, who were coming off a 3-1 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night.

San Jose goalkeeper Antti Niemi needed to stop 18 shots for the win while Rangers goalkeeper Henrik Lundqvist stopped 22 of 26 shots during his nearly 30 minutes on the ice. Martin Biron took over in the net after the Sharks built a 4-1 advantage and saved 16 of 21.

The nine goals were one off the franchise record.

PENGUINS 5, HURRICANES 2 PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jussi Jokinen scored his first hat trick in nearly six years to help Pittsburgh pull away from Carolina for the victory.

Jokinen helped the Penguins improve to 3-0, opening the scoring in the first period and adding two goals in the third after Carolina drew even at 2-2.

Paul Martin and Tanner Glass also scored for Pittsburgh, while Sidney Crosby picked up his first two assists of the season. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 32 shots for the Penguins, who have not trailed through three games. Pittsburgh has outscored opponents 12-3 while getting off to the franchise's best start since 1994-95.

Eric Staal and Nathan Gerbe scored for the Hurricanes and Cam Ward made 32 saves.

CANUCKS 3, DEVILS 2, OT

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Jason Garrison scored at 2:18 of overtime as the Vancouver defeated New Jersey.

Garrison's shot from the point through traffic beat Cory Schneider in the goal-

tender's first game against his former team.

Daniel Sedin, with a goal and an assist, and Alexander Edler scored for Vancouver (3-1-0), which got 21 saves from Roberto Luongo. □



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Djokovic overcomes injury scare to win in Shanghai

JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Novak Djokovic survived a scare when he landed awkwardly on his right foot and recovered to beat Spain's Marcel Granollers 6-2, 6-0 in the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday.

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal had fewer problems in their second-round matches. Federer rebounded from an early break to defeat Andreas Seppi of Italy 6-4, 6-3, while Nadal, who reclaimed the No. 1 ranking this week, dispatched Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 6-3, 6-2.

Djokovic hit a running backhand in the first game of the second set and then leaped in the air, wincing in pain. He called for a medical timeout after the game to have his foot wrapped and appeared slightly tentative after returning to the court, not bothering to chase after a couple of shots.

The Serb dominated the

rest of the match, however, closing it out in 70 minutes to set up a third-round match with Italian Fabio Fognini, who advanced when Tommy Robredo retired with a wrist injury while trailing 7-6 (3), 2-1.

Djokovic said the problem wasn't serious, without elaborating about where specifically he felt the pain. "It was just an awkward movement," he said. "I was running and I made a quick movement that caused a sharp pain."

"It's all good now," he added succinctly when questioned further.

Nadal has been nearly invincible this year, dropping only four matches. But he's been vulnerable at this tournament in the past, particularly in the early going — he's lost in the third round the last two times he's played.

There was never much of a worry against Dolgoplov, though.

"Is true that sometimes in the end of the season I



Serbia's Novak Djokovic trips during a match against Spain's Marcel Granollers for the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at the Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. Djokovic won 6-2, 6-0.

Associated Press

ries despite struggling with injury and illness.

Fourth-seeded Berdych rebounded from a back injury sustained in the semi-finals of the China Open last week to defeat Feliciano Lopez 7-6 (5), 6-2. He said after his last match he could barely stand or walk when he retired against Nadal.

"I wouldn't say (my back is) 100 percent, but I decided I was competitive enough to go on court and try to play," he said. "Looks like it was a smart decision."

Del Potro, meanwhile, overcame a fever and 50 winners from big-hitting German Philipp Kohlschreiber to advance 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

After the match, del Potro said he started feeling sick on Tuesday night and relied on his serve to win the match since running was difficult.

The Argentine withdrew from the doubles to rest for his next match against 11th-seeded Tommy Haas, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over German compatriot Daniel Brands.

Both del Potro and Berdych have a lot to play for this week — they're trying to wrap up their spots in the elite ATP Finals in London, a task made slightly easier by the withdrawal on Wednesday of Andy Murray, who is recovering from back surgery.

Del Potro and Berdych would qualify for the eight-man field by making the final in Shanghai.

Federer needs to do a bit more work — he's in seventh place in the standings, with a number of players within striking distance.

Three of them moved into the next round on Wednesday: No. 7 seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 8 Stanislas Wawrinka and No. 10 Milos Raonic, who is making a late charge by reaching back-to-back finals the last two weeks and capturing one title.

American John Isner, an outside shot for London, however, was ousted by Argentine Carlos Berlocq 6-4, 7-6 (4). □

Stosur reaches Osaka quarters, Lisicki injured

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Samantha Stosur beat Swiss qualifier Belinda Bencic 6-4, 6-2 at the Japan Open on Wednesday and became the highest remaining seed after Wimbledon runner-up Sabine Lisicki withdrew hurt.

No. 2-seeded Lisicki hurt her left hip, and pulled out from her scheduled second-round match with Polana Hercog of Slovenia. Hercog advanced to a quarterfinal with local wild card Kurumi Nara.

Stosur, the No. 3 seed, reached her first quarterfinals since her title run in Carlsbad in August.

She lost her serve twice but broke Bencic five times at Utsubu Park



Samantha Stosur of Australia returns a shot against Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic during their third round match of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013

Associated Press

and will next face either Kimiko Date-Krumm or Misaki Doi in the last eight. Stosur won in Osaka in 2009 and was runner-up in 2011 and a semifinalist in 2012. In other second-round matches, Nara beat eighth-seeded Monica Puig of Puerto Rico 7-5, 7-6 (4), and fifth-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Canada overpowered Luksika Kumkhum of Thailand 6-2, 6-2. Czech qualifier Barbora Zahlavova Strycova defeated Vania King of the United States for the second time this year, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, and will meet Bouchard next. □

didn't arrive with the best feelings in my body and the tennis. I lost against players that they decided to play aggressive," Nadal said.

"But (I'm) generally happy. All the victories are important, and more (so) at the end of the season."

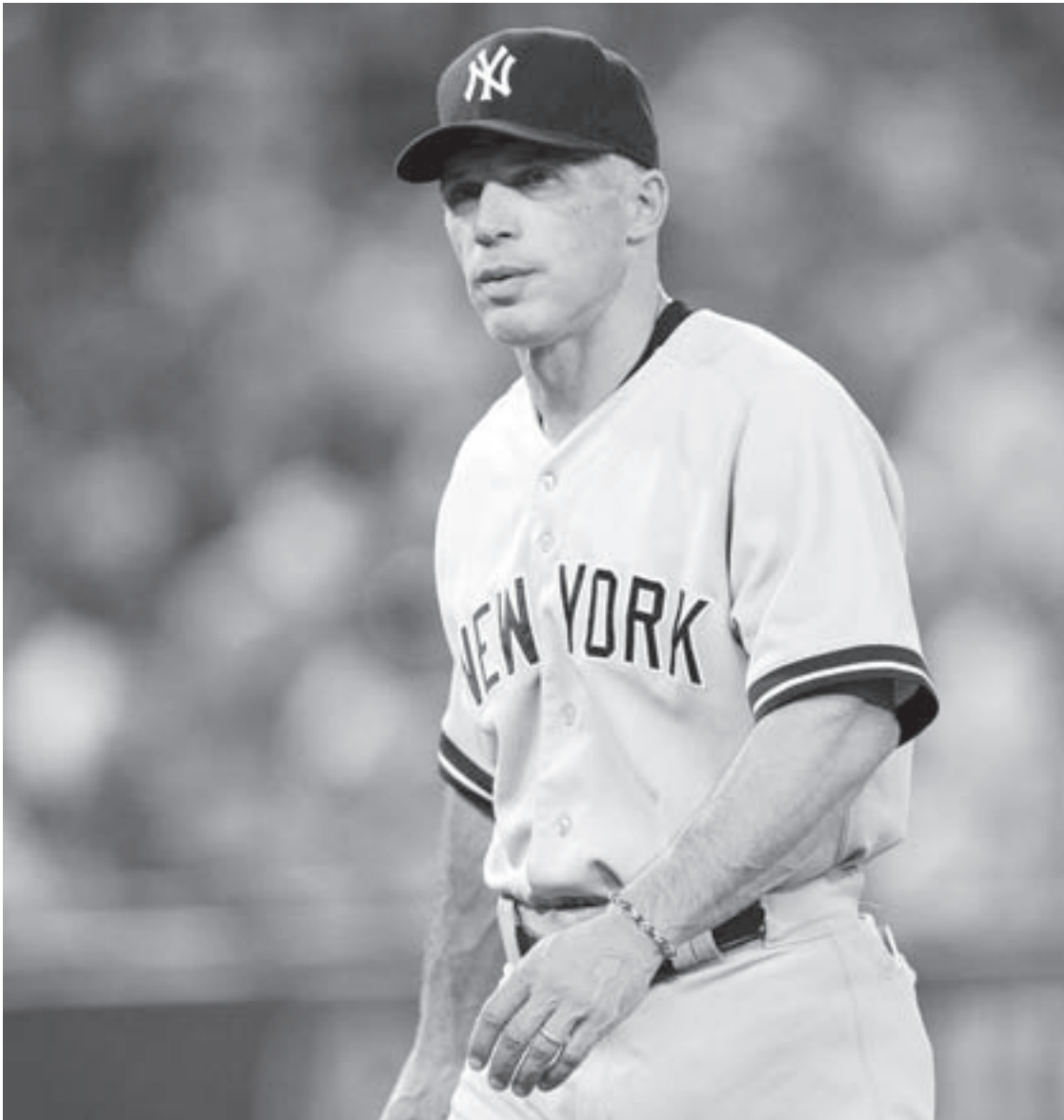
Federer, the fifth seed, had more unforced errors (29) than winners (19) in his first match since a fourth-round loss at the U.S. Open, but he made quick work of the 22nd-ranked Seppi.

"Even though it didn't feel like I've been away for a long time, you kind of know it," Federer said. "Instead of just thinking point for point, what do I want to do, your mind starts to wander — not in a bad way, but it's just not that natural yet."

Federer next plays Frenchman Gael Monfils, with a possible quarterfinal with Djokovic looming.

Two other top players, Tomas Berdych and Juan Martin del Potro, also came through with victo-

Girardi signs four-year extension with Yankees



In this Aug. 28, 2013, file photo, New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi walks off the field during a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto. Girardi signed a four-year contract extension to stay with the New York Yankees, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Manager Joe Girardi signed a four-year contract Wednesday to stay with the New York Yankees through 2017. General manager Brian Cashman had said after the team missed the playoffs for the second time since 1992 that the Yankees wanted to keep Girardi, whose name was mentioned for the Cubs opening in his native Illinois. The 48-year-old Girardi said it would be up to his family if he returned. He was completing his second three-year deal with New York

since taking over for Joe Torre after the 2007 season. "After talking to my family, this is where we wanted to come back," Girardi said. Despite finishing tied for third in the AL East at 85-77, Girardi had what many believed was his best season as a manager. He kept the Yankees in the playoff chase until late September despite injuries to stars Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira and Curtis Granderson. "I wouldn't have come back if I didn't think we could win a champion-

ship," Girardi said. "I have faith in our organization." Girardi has led the team to the playoffs in four of his six seasons, winning the World Series in 2009. Under Girardi, the Yankees have gone a majors-best 564-408 (.580) since 2008. He was NL Manager of the Year in 2006, when he led the Florida Marlins to a 78-84 record in his first year as a manager. A 15-year MLB catcher, Girardi won three World Series titles with the Yankees from 1996-99. Girardi remains with a high-

priced ballclub that places the utmost premium on winning championships, but entered the offseason with great uncertainty. Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettitte retired, Jeter played only 17 games this year after breaking an ankle last October and A-Rod is still appealing a 211-game suspension. All-Star second baseman Robinson Cano is a free agent, as are pitcher Hi-

roki Kuroda and Granderson. And Cano could be seeking a 10-year contract worth up to \$305 million. Also, Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner has said that the team is determined to get under next year's \$189 million luxury tax threshold — which includes about \$177 million for player salaries. Cashman, though, recently said it's unclear if staying within that limit is possible. □

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Detroit, which had no hits through the first four innings, added three runs in the eighth on a wild pitch

and a two-run double by Omar Infante that made it 8-4. Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run single in the ninth, bringing the potential tying run to the plate, but Joaquin Benoit struck out Seth Smith to end it. The Tigers can now send

Justin Verlander to the mound for Game 5 on Thursday night in Oakland. Verlander shut out the A's in Oakland in the decisive fifth game of the division series last year. Oakland hasn't announced a starter for Game 5. □

Lynx blast Dream 88-63; 1 win from title

JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Basketball Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- The Minnesota Lynx offense is humming at a record clip and their defense has caused the Atlanta Dream's biggest star to come unglued.

A second WNBA title in three seasons is right there in front of them. Now that the series is heading to the South, they don't plan on coming back home for another game. They plan on coming back home for another party.

Seimone Augustus scored 20 points and Lindsay Whalen had 14 points and five assists to push the Lynx to the brink of the championship with an 88-63 victory over the Atlanta Dream in Game 2 of the WNBA Finals on Tuesday night.

"It's right there," said Augustus, who made 9 of 12 shots. "We've got 40 more minutes, 80 more possessions to get to where we want to be and get to what we feel like we deserve."

Rebekkah Brunson had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Maya Moore chipped in 14 points and eight boards for the Lynx, who set a finals record with 56.9 percent shooting and lead the best-of-five series 2-0.

Angel McCoughtry scored 15 points for the Dream, but she made just 5 of 18 shots and was in foul trouble for most of



Minnesota Lynx guard Seimone Augustus (33) goes up for a shot against Atlanta Dream guard Jasmine Thomas (5) during the second half of Game 2 of the WNBA basketball finals, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, in Minneapolis. Augustus scored 20 points as the Lynx won 88-63.

the night.

Game 3 is on Thursday night in Georgia.

"We don't want to have to come back to Minneapolis," coach Cheryl Reeve said. "When we come back to Minneapolis, it's going to be for a parade, not to play Game 5."

The series is taking on a similar tone to the first time these two met in the finals two years ago, when the Lynx swept the Dream for the franchise's first title. Minnesota was upset by Indiana in the finals last year, and entered this se-

ries determined to show last year's disappointment was a fluke.

Moore had an emphatic swat of McCoughtry on a drive midway through the first quarter, and Moore glared at Atlanta's combustible star, who is 11 for 42 from the field in the first two games.

Game 3 won't be played at the Dream's usual home - Phillips Arena in Atlanta - because of a scheduling conflict with Disney On Ice. Instead, the teams will meet at the Gwinnett Center in Duluth, about 20 minutes

away. Moore will feel as at home as the Dream at Gwinnett, where she led her high school to three Georgia state titles.

"As long as it's in the state of Georgia, I'm good with that," Atlanta coach Fred Williams said.

The Lynx controlled Game 1 from the opening tip, leading by as many as 31 points en route to an 84-59 victory and came into Game 2 overflowing with confidence.

A message on the video board just before the opening tip read: "Game 1 we made a statement. Game 2 we will make history. We're leaving Minnesota after tonight, but we'll be bringing something back with us."

A photo of the championship trophy followed, eliciting a roar from the amped-up home crowd, and the Lynx followed with a ferocious start to seize control.

Williams had to shuffle his starting lineup after spark-plug Tiffany Hayes injured her back and tailbone on a nasty spill in Game 1. The Dream went big with 6-foot-4 Aneika Henry next to the 6-foot-5 Erika De Souza.

Hayes came off the bench, but she wasn't the dynamic player she has been for Atlanta this season. And even with the big lineup the Dream were still outscored 42-26 in the paint and out-

rebounded 40-22.

"There's really no panic mode for this team," Williams said. "I think we have an opportunity for us to still have the fire lit and keep it burning. It's our turn to go home and see what happens from there."

Whalen was the initiator early, bullying to the basket and using her elbows to create space among the tall trees in the paint to get the Lynx out to a 15-point lead in the first quarter.

McCoughtry missed her first six shots and fouled out with just under four minutes to play. Her frustration was visible throughout the game and reality may be setting in.

"We don't want to believe it's over, but it's tough playing the Lynx, you know?" McCoughtry said. "They're so deep. They shoot the ball so well. Let's hope they don't shoot so well on our court."

The Dream got to within 10 midway through the third quarter, but Minnesota responded promptly with an 8-0 burst to regain a comfortable lead. □

"We know Atlanta is going to bring everything," Augustus said. "They're going to throw the kitchen sink at us. We're expecting them to come out and try to do whatever they can to not be eliminated in Game 3." □

U.S. wants changes to process before bids for World Cup

ROB HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The United States wants further changes to the World Cup bidding process before trying to bring football's showpiece event to the country again.

FIFA executive committee member Sunil Gulati, who is also president of the U.S. Soccer Federation, still has deep concerns about the process that led to Qatar beating his country and others to the 2022 World Cup. Gulati said that while

the American bid was centered on purely sporting objectives, rivals wanted the World Cup as a platform for their countries to project themselves on the world stage. "The rules, the procedures, need to be very different than they are now," Gulati told the Leaders in Football conference in London. "It's a unique situation that the Olympics and the World Cup have become so important to countries that nation states are now essentially bidding, it's no longer bid com-

mittees. "That's a very difficult situation for countries like England or the United States, frankly, which operate differently. We are not going to conduct a foreign policy based on hosting a World Cup ... it's just never going to be important."

FIFA has already started to overhaul the process since the 2018 and 2022 World Cups were decided in 2010 by an executive committee discredited by corruption allegations linked to the bidding contests. In future, all of FIFA's members

will be asked to choose future World Cup hosts.

But if the U.S. is to bid again Gulati wants to know that voters will follow the technical inspection reports that seemed to be ignored when Qatar was awarded the 2022 tournament despite the summer heat being declared a high risk.

Gulati said FIFA also needs to establish in advance if a particular continent will be designated a tournament and he would prefer the vote not to be held in secret. "Would we be inter-

ested in bidding for 2026? The procedures would need to be very different to what they are now," said Gulati, who joined FIFA's ruling executive this year. "If the critical issue is taking it to new lands, then tell us in advance, because we won't bother. "The rules need to be clearer and tighter. And the process needs to be better. If you are stepping on to a field of play, you know what the rules are."

The U.S. hosted the World Cup in 1994. □

Yahoo's email becomes more like Gmail in redesign



Yahoo has adopted a new logo for the first time since shortly after the Internet company's founding 18 years ago. The redesigned look unveiled late Wednesday is part of a makeover that Yahoo Inc. has been undergoing since the Sunnyvale, Calif., company hired Google executive Marissa Mayer to become Yahoo's CEO.

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Yahoo's free email service is becoming a bit more like Google's Gmail as part of its second makeover in less than a year.

The similarities to Gmail probably aren't coincidental. Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer helped design some of Gmail's features while she was a top executive at Google Inc. Since its debut nearly a decade ago, Gmail has grown into the world's most popular email service.

Yahoo's redesigned email unveiled Tuesday includes a Gmail-like tool that will thread together emails related to specific topics so they appear as a succession of messages. The "conversation view" has become a widely used email feature since Gmail helped popularize the concept after it embraced the format in 2004.

Users can turn off Yahoo's new conversational tool if they want.

Another new feature will enable Yahoo's email users to decorate their inboxes with a selection of scenic pictures plucked from the com-

pany's photo-sharing service, Flickr. Gmail has been allowing its users to spruce up their inboxes with various themes for years.

When Yahoo's email users choose a picture as their backdrop, the same look will automatically appear on the mobile email applications that the company is modifying as part of the redesign. The updated apps are for Android devices, Apple Inc.'s iPhone and iPad and tablets running on Microsoft Corp.'s Windows 8 operating system.

In another change, Yahoo is now promising each email account a maximum of one terabyte, or about 1,000 gigabytes, of storage. The Sunnyvale, California, company says that amount should be enough to cover the storage needs of its average email user for about 6,000 years. Yahoo Inc. had previously promised its email users that they would never run out of storage, but it hadn't established a specific limit. Gmail vastly expanded the capacity of email boxes in 2004 when it rolled out its service with a limit of one gigabyte

per account. At the time, industry-leading email services run by Yahoo and Microsoft Corp. were limiting storage on their free accounts to 25 megabytes or even less. Yahoo's terabyte limit now dwarves Gmail, which has a per-account limit of 15 gigabytes that also includes material kept on Google's Drive and Photo Plus services. Since defecting from Google 15 months ago, Mayer has been re-vamping many of Yahoo's services in an attempt to attract more Web surfers and bring in more revenue from ads. Yahoo's ad sales remain lackluster at a time Google and Facebook Inc. are enjoying strong growth, but Mayer says the number of monthly visitors to the company's services has increased by 20 percent to 800 million people since her arrival.

Yahoo's last major overhaul of its email service occurred in December. The company now has about 289 million monthly users worldwide, second only to Gmail at 304 million, according to the most recent data from the research firm comScore Inc. □

Samsung to debut smartphone with curved display

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Samsung Electronics said it will release a smartphone with a curved display — and a \$1,000 price tag. The Galaxy Round has a curved 5.7-inch (14.5 cm) screen using advanced display technology called organic light-emitting diode, or OLED, technology. The Korean company said such a curved screen smartphone is the first in the world.

Samsung said the curve will make it easier to grip. The high-end gizmo has some features that make use of the display's curve, such as playing the next song in a music playlist by tilting the phone to the left or to the right.

South Korea is the leader in developing curved digital display technology. Samsung and rival LG, the world's two-largest makers of display screens, have both produced curved TVs using OLED displays.

The curved display is an initial step before handset



In this image released by Samsung Electronics Co., Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, its new Galaxy Round, the world's first curved display smartphone is shown.

With high anticipation for mobile devices with a flexible screen, Samsung Electronics says it is releasing a smartphone with a curved display in South Korea.

Associated Press

makers develop smartphones with a flexible display that one day might be folded like a map, experts say.

Samsung offered the public a peak at mobile devices with flexible displays during a January gadget show in Las Vegas.

The Galaxy Round will be released only in South Korea for now. □

Twitter, Comcast sign TV partnership

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter and Comcast have signed a

partnership that will let viewers access TV shows and buy movie tickets directly from a tweet, deepening the short messaging service's ties to television programming. Twitter Inc. and Comcast Corp. said Wednesday that a new feature that's part of the deal will let customers of Comcast's Xfinity TV service tune in to programs by clicking a "see it" button in a tweet. In a statement, Comcast CEO Brian Roberts called it "an instant online remote control." The button will allow Twitter users who are also Comcast customers to set DVRs, tune in to shows online, on TV or on mobile devices. They can also buy movie tickets through Fan-

dango. In the current TV season, shows on NBC, USA, Bravo, MSNBC and other networks will be accessible through the "see it" button. Comcast and Twitter said they are in talks with other TV networks and companies that will use the feature in the "coming months."

Twitter's deal with the nation's largest cable company comes as the company prepares for an initial public offering of stock, which could occur as soon as next month.

The agreement is more expansive than the advertising partnerships Twitter has signed recently with TV content providers such as CBS and the NFL. But it does have an advertising component, which adds NBCUniversal's properties to Twitter's Amplify program. □

Stocks end mostly higher on signs of compromise

STEVE ROTHWELL
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NEW YORK (AP) — Signs that lawmakers are making moves to end a stalemate in Washington and avert a U.S. government debt default halted a slump on the stock market Wednesday. President Barack Obama is making plans to talk with Republican lawmakers at the White House in the coming days as pressure builds on both sides to resolve their deadlock over the federal debt limit and the partial government shutdown before the U.S. Treasury's borrowing authority is exhausted next week.

The stock market's losses accelerated at the start of this week as the shutdown dragged on and both the White House and House Republicans appeared to be coming more entrenched in their positions. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has fallen about 4 percent since climbing to a record on Sept. 18.

"We were quite oversold," Alec Young, a global equity strategist at S&P Capital, said of the market's moderate recovery on Wednesday. "For this really to have any legs, though, we need to see signs of compromise in Washington."

The S&P 500 index gained 0.95 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,656.40.

The index lost 2 percent in the first two days of this week as concerns grew that politicians would fail to reach a deal before the government hits its debt ceiling on Oct. 17.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 26.45 points, or 0.2 percent, to 14,802.98. The Nasdaq composite fell

17.06 points, or 0.5 percent, to 3,677.78.

The pace of companies reporting third-quarter earnings is also picking up this week, giving investors bet-

weaker and the company cut its full-year earnings forecast after the closing bell Wednesday. Family Dollar fell 74 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$68.71.

month to hold down long-term interest rates and bolster the economy. The central bank's stimulus has been a crucial support for a stock market rally that



Hong Kong's Finance Minister John Tsang Chun-wah, left, talks with NYSE CEO Duncan Niederauer during his visit to the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ter insight into how corporate America is doing.

Yum Brands, the owner of KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut, was the biggest decliner in the S&P 500 index after its earnings fell short of Wall Street's expectations. The discount retailer Family Dollar also slumped after giving a cautious earnings forecast for next year.

"It looks like there has been some disappointment in the early earnings already," said Colleen Supran, a principal at San Francisco-based Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough, an investment adviser and asset management company.

Yum Brands slumped \$4.82, or 6.8 percent, to \$66.48. Sales in China have grown

In a move that many investors regarded as a positive for stocks, the White House nominated Federal Reserve Vice Chair Janet Yellen for the top position at the central bank. Investors expect Yellen to continue the aggressive economic stimulus policies championed by the outgoing Chairman Ben Bernanke.

Yellen's appointment "does add certainty, in the absence of certainty for stocks," said Jim Russell, a regional investment director at U.S. Bank.

"It perhaps keeps a little bit of a safety net under equities for the near, or intermittent, term."

The Federal Reserve is buying \$85 billion of bonds a

began more than four years ago.

Investors also got more insight into the Fed's thinking Wednesday after the central bank published minutes from its September meeting Wednesday.

Nearly every member of the Federal Reserve thought the central bank should see more economic data before slowing its bond purchases.

But worries about whether a delay would confuse markets made the decision a close call. Many expected policy maker to start cutting stimulus.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.67 percent from 2.63 percent. □

STREET BRIEFS

Disney stock certificates off to Never Land

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock certificates issued by The Walt Disney Company are heading off to Never Never Land. The stock, which features images of Dumbo, Bambi, Mickey Mouse, Cinderella and other Disney animated characters, have long been a collector's item and are pitched by numerous online vendors as a way to teach children about investing. However, U.S. corporations have been switching to electronic stocks for years and on Oct. 16, Disney will follow suit. Most do so for cost savings, but Disney also cited security. "Like hundreds of other companies, Disney will no longer be issuing paper stock certificates in an effort to create a more secure and efficient system," the company said in a statement. Given their popularity, there may be a rush to buy with one week remaining to do so. Disney shares are listed as the No. 1 seller on the website giveashare.com. Shares of the Burbank, California, company hit an all-time high in May and are already up close to 30 percent this year.

BMW sales rise 6.7 % on demand from Asia, U.S.

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German luxury automaker BMW says sales rose 6.7 percent in September thanks to stronger demand in the United States and Asia. BMW said Wednesday that sales including its Mini and Rolls-Royce brands rose 18 percent in Asia, supported by a 20.8 jump in China from the same month a year ago. U.S. sales rose 8.3 percent. Sales in Europe's tough car market barely rose, by 0.7 percent. The European car market has been hard hit by slow growth and high unemployment in the 17-country euro currency union. □

Hewlett-Packard issues upbeat guidance for 2014

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — Hewlett-Packard is upbeat about 2014, saying it will be a year of "recovery and expansion." The technology bellwether on Wednesday projected earnings for the fiscal year starting in November that exceeded analysts' forecasts and predicted "stabilizing revenue declines." HP's stock rose

6.1 percent to \$22.01 in afternoon trading. The shares have gained about 55 percent this year. HP has been trying to ease the pain of a declining PC market by cutting costs and focusing on more profitable areas. In a presentation to analysts Wednesday, CEO Meg Whitman said the company will focus on new products

and services next year while controlling costs under a stable leadership. "While there is a lot more work to be done, I am confident about the progress we are making," Whitman said in a statement. The San Jose, California, company expects net income, excluding one-time items, of \$3.55 to \$3.75 per share in the 2014

fiscal year. The midpoint is 3 cents higher than the \$3.62 analysts polled by FactSet expected. The company said it would also return at least half of its \$6 billion to \$6.5 billion in free cash flow next year to shareholders through dividends and stock repurchases, which can support earnings per share. □

Men's Wearhouse rejects takeover bid by Jos. A. Bank

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Men's Wearhouse rejected an unsolicited \$2.3 billion takeover bid by Jos. A. Bank Clothiers on Wednesday, calling the proposed deal "highly opportunistic" and likely to draw antitrust scrutiny. Jos. A. Bank proposed paying \$48 a share in cash for Men's Wearhouse, 36 percent above its closing stock price Tuesday. But the Men's Wearhouse board said the bid

undervalued the company and was not in the best interests of shareholders.

"The board and management team are confident that continuing our strategic plan will create more value for shareholders than Jos. A. Bank's inadequate, highly conditional proposal," Douglas S. Ewert, the chief executive of Men's Wearhouse, said in a statement.

The rejection sets up a potential battle between

two of the country's biggest retailers of men's suits. Jos. A. Bank first broached the idea of a merger three months after Men's Wearhouse fired its founder and chairman, George Zimmer, after a power struggle.

Zimmer - long known as the public face of the retailer, who in endless commercials intoned "You're going to like the way you look. I guarantee it." - wanted to take the company private, while the board objected

to taking on the debt that would have required.

When Jos. A. Bank's chairman, Robert N. Wildrick, contacted Ewert last month, he argued that the combined companies would benefit from the greater scale a union would create.

"We believe that Men's Wearhouse and Jos. A. Bank are ideal partners - the strategic wisdom of this transaction is compelling," Wildrick wrote in a letter to

Ewert. "By combining our two companies, we can together create the best men's apparel and sportswear designer, manufacturer and retailer in the U.S." Jos. A. Bank said it would pay for the transaction through cash on hand, selling stock and raising debt. It has also teamed up with Golden Gate Capital, a buyout firm that has agreed to invest \$250 million to help finance the bid. □

Global PC shipments fall for 6th quarter in row

The Associated Press

Worldwide shipments of personal computers fell in the third quarter of the year, the sixth straight quarter of decline as cheaper tablet computers and smartphones cut into demand, according to market research firms IDC and Gartner Inc. IDC said the market fell nearly 8 percent, to 81.6 million units, while Gartner put the decline at almost 9 percent, to 80.3 million. The two firms define PCs slightly differently.

IDC expects that the PC market will hit bottom sometime next year, with a recovery starting in 2015 as companies and consumers finally replace aging PCs. Gartner says this year will be the worst, with flat shipments next year and single-digit percentage growth in 2015.

"There's sort of a rubber band effect where PCs that need to be replaced will be," said IDC senior an-

alyst Jay Chou.

Gartner principal analyst Mikako Kitagawa said that in developed countries, consumers won't abandon PCs, though they are holding onto them longer and spending money on other gadgets before replacing them. "The overall market size will shrink, but at some point those old PCs will be replaced by new ones," she said.

The U.S. market emerged as a bright spot in both reports. IDC said the U.S. market was almost unchanged, while Gartner said it rose 3.5 percent. Gartner credited low supplies and Intel's new low-power Haswell line of chips with helping boost demand. IDC said falling prices of touch-enabled laptops also helped.

The outlook for a stabilizing PC market was mirrored by Hewlett-Packard Co., the world's No. 2 PC maker behind Lenovo. In a presentation before analysts

Wednesday, the company predicted "stabilizing revenue declines" for its upcoming fiscal year, which

zero and 3 percent during the quarter, thanks in part to a healthy U.S. market, both research firms said.

34 percent, while Gartner pegged the drop at nearly 23 percent.

IDC said Acer suffered



A woman walks past laptop computers running Microsoft Windows 8 operating system in Hong Kong. Worldwide shipments of personal computers fell during the third quarter of 2013. It is the sixth straight quarter of decline as cheaper tablet computers and smartphones cut into demand, according to market research firms IDC and Gartner Inc. (AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

starts in November.

The top 3 PC sellers — Lenovo, HP and Dell — all grew shipments between

Acer and Asus suffered steep declines.

IDC said Acer and Asus suffered declines of about

from weak consumer spending while Asus was hurt by a lack of corporate customers. □

Fed officials made "close call" on bond buys in September

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly every member of the Federal Reserve thought last month that the central bank should see more evidence that the U.S. economy was improving before slowing its bond purchases. But worries about whether a delay would confuse financial markets made the decision a "close call."

Minutes, or written records, of the Fed's Sept. 17-18 meetings released

Wednesday show that the Fed wrestled with the decision, even though the panel ended up voting 9-1 to keep the purchases at the current level of \$85 billion a month. The bond purchases are intended to keep long-term interest rates low to encourage more borrowing and spending.

According to the minutes, all members but one wanted to see more data before reducing the purchases. And several noted potential risks to the

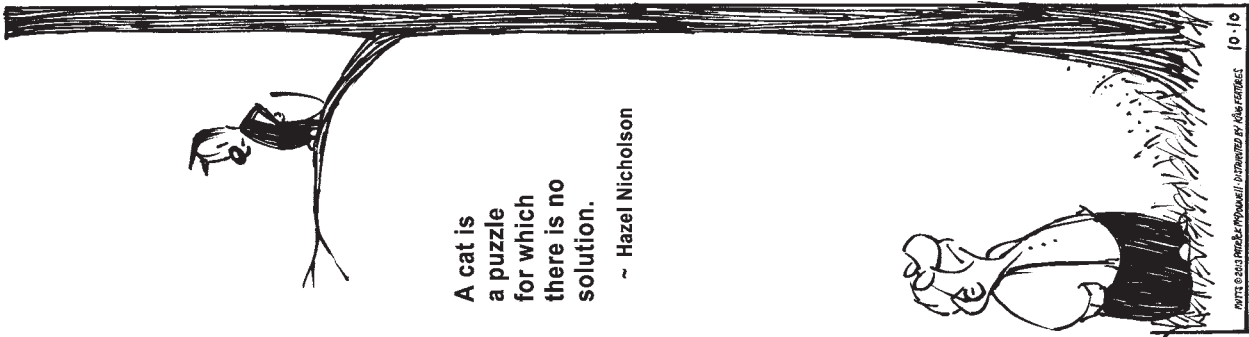
economy, including a job market that had weakened over the summer, higher interest rates and a looming budget impasse in Washington. Still, some raised concerns that inaction would undermine the Fed's ability to communicate its next steps. Many economists had predicted some reduction in the purchases. And some Fed members made comments ahead of the meeting that suggested such a move was likely.

"For several members, the various considerations made the decision to maintain an unchanged pace of asset purchases at this meeting a relatively close call," the minutes stated. Most members indicated that they could still reduce the purchases later this year and end them next year, based on a summary of their economic projections. But those forecasts were made before the budget impasse led to a partial government shut-

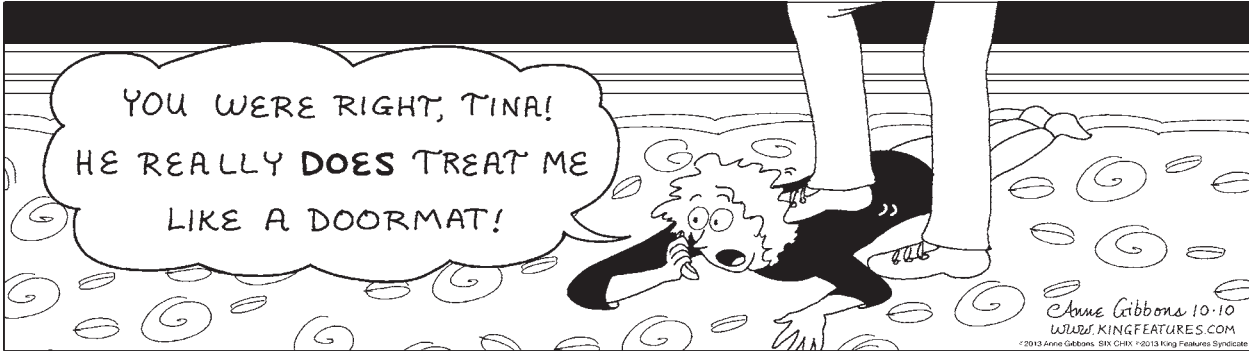
down this month. Many economists now believe the Fed will continue the current level of bond purchases into next year.

The Fed released the minutes shortly before President Barack Obama was to formally nominate Janet Yellen, the Federal Reserve's vice chair, to replace Ben Bernanke as chairman. If confirmed by the Senate, Yellen would take over at a critical time for the economy and the Fed's policies. □

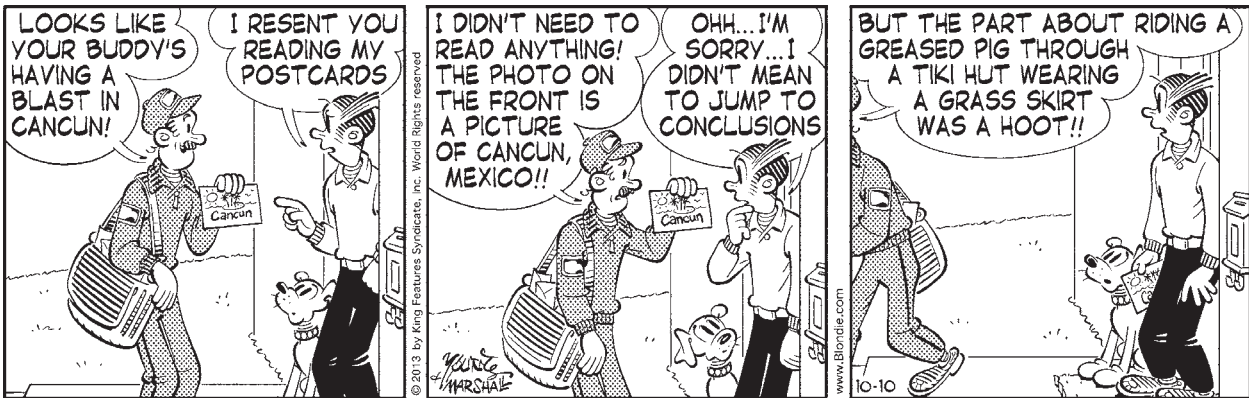
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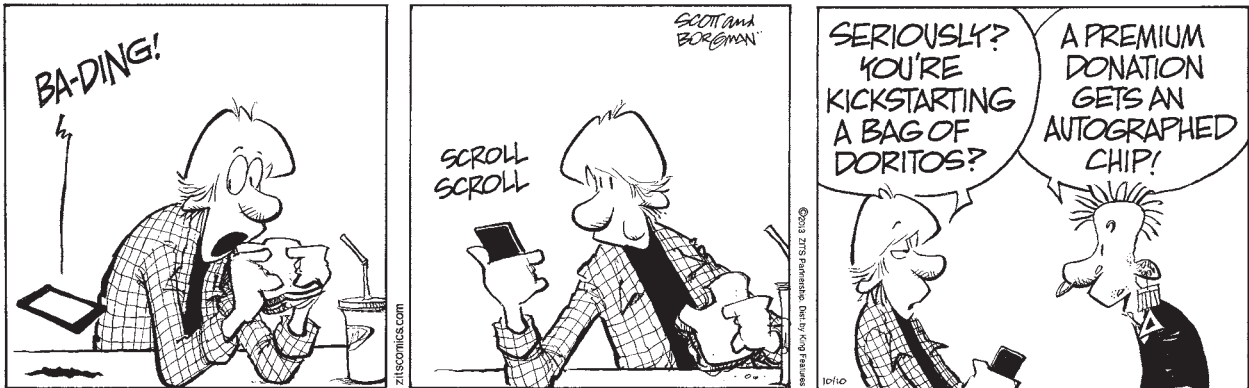
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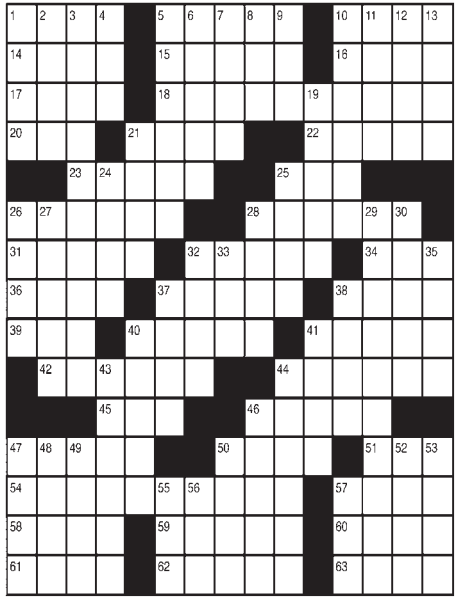
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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26 Clever; sharp
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31 Huge horned beast, for short
32 Dancer Gene
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Giants visit land of linebackers with a changing cast

BILL PENNINGTON

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The New York Giants visit Chicago on Thursday night to play the Bears, a team with a rich heritage at linebacker, from Dick Butkus to Mike Singletary to Brian Urlacher.

It is a style of play that personified the NFL and often made linebackers the face of pro football.

Enter this season the winless Giants, who have practically installed a revolving door at the linebacker position, rotating an eclectic

vantage of the uncertainty in the middle of the field.

The latest and newest Giants linebacker to debut will be Jon Beason, who will play middle linebacker Thursday despite being with the team for seven days and having participated in one practice with pads.

Beason, 28, was a Pro Bowl pick three times, beginning in 2007, but he recently lost his starting job with the Carolina Panthers, not once but twice. Last week he was traded to the Gi-

ants after he was let go by the Giants, Curry, 27, who in 2008 was voted the Butkus award winner as the nation's top college linebacker, retired from football.

In the offseason, the Giants also signed Kyle Bosworth, nephew of the famed pro flameout Brian Bosworth. In addition to auditioning as a Giants linebacker, Kyle Bosworth brought a little Hollywood to the Giants' locker room because his girlfriend is Kara Keough, who was featured on "The



Philadelphia Eagles' LeSean McCoy (25) leaps over New York Giants' Trumaine McBride (38) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in East Rutherford, N.J. The New York Giants visit Chicago on Thursday night to play the Bears.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

and quirky mix of players, including castoffs from other teams, unwanted free agents, a once highly-touted talent whose Giants experience induced his retirement and a player who came into the league as a running back.

It has been that kind of year for the Giants, once the home of terrific linebackers like Sam Huff, Harry Carson and Lawrence Taylor.

But this year, because the Giants have invested most of their defensive payroll on pass rushers and defensive backs, the team has had something akin to an open casting call at linebacker. And so far the results have been predictable as opposing teams have frequently taken ad-

ants for a late-round draft pick.

"Today was the first time we saw him live, and he was impressive," the Giants' defensive coordinator, Perry Fewell, said Tuesday. "He's an intelligent football man. He has a lot of quickness."

But Beason joins a long list of players whom the Giants have tried out at linebacker this year. The group includes Aaron Curry, the fourth overall pick of the 2009 NFL draft, who the Giants signed in May.

Curry was traded by Seattle in 2011 and cut by Oakland a year later. With the Giants, Curry was given four exhibition games to show his potential. Then he was released. Three days

Real Housewives of Orange County." Bosworth had some good performances in the preseason, but just before the opening game of the season, the Giants surprisingly cut him as well.

He was quickly signed by the Dallas Cowboys and has made three tackles this season.

Another offseason free agent acquisition was Dan Connor, who shortly after he was signed by the Giants was arrested in the Philadelphia airport for having a switchblade in his carry-on bag as he tried to board a flight. Connor, who played for the Cowboys in 2012, started the Giants' first game of the season. □

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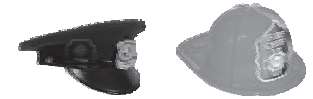
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Chile glacier bill pits mines against water supply

LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

Just how to define a glacier is at the heart of a Chilean congressional battle that could determine the future of mining in the world's largest copper-producing country. The revival of legislation to ban mining in glacial areas is spawning debate among miners, farmers and environmentalists about how to protect both vital water supplies and Chile's mining industry. If the bill passes, mining experts fear it could shutter multibillion-dollar mining projects and slow investment.

The key will be in the fine print of whether the final bill defines glaciers as including frozen areas around them, too, and whether the protections would apply retroactively to mines already operating next to glaciers.

"If it passes as a law with tough conditions, it could harm not only the operation of current projects but also future projects," said Juan Carlos Guajardo, head of the Chilean mining think tank CESCO. "Depending on the conditions, the scenarios would make mining activity very difficult in high mountain areas."

Environmentalists point to the crucial role played by glaciers in protecting Chile's water as reason enough to implement the wider definition.

A glacier is snow that has compacted into ice and that survives the warm summer months. Glaciers are important because they act as natural dams, storing water for use throughout the year after the winter snow has melted. Even small glaciers can hold gigantic amounts of water that become critical during warm months and especially in long dry spells. Argentina, across the Andes mountains from Chile, adopted a law in 2010 that broadly defines glaciers — theoretically protecting not only the icy masses most people think of, but also "rock glaciers" and frozen groundwater on

mountaintops where glaciers have melted away from the surface. The Argentine National Glacier Institute, which had a heavy hand in drafting Argentina's law, pushed the definition because it's believed most glacial water

stretches 2,650 miles (4,270 kilometers) along the Pacific also has the largest number of glaciers, from icy southern Patagonia to its most northern latitudes. A broader definition could severely hamper the Chilean industry's hopes to

the telltale signs of climate change, and as such we need laws to protect climate-vulnerable glaciers." If passed, the bill could halt mining operations such as Barrick's \$8 billion Pascua-Lama or state mining company Codelco's \$6.8 bil-

would be devastating, particularly for subsurface rock glaciers with colossal amounts of ice.

Before the Argentine law passed, analysts warned that it would mean an end to Pascua-Lama, the world's highest-altitude mine, which straddles the Chile-Argentina border. While mining has continued there, Barrick's project has been temporarily suspended in Chile after the company was cited for "very serious" violations of its environmental permit, requiring it to build infrastructure to prevent water pollution as it mines for gold and silver.

Critics say construction at Pascua-Lama has spread dust on the nearby Toro 1, Toro 2 and Esperanza glaciers, hastening their retreat by capturing heat on their surfaces. Meltwater from those glaciers feeds the Estrecho river, which supplies water to the Diaguita indigenous community living downstream.

Barrick has said it will work "to address environmental and other regulatory requirements" on the Pascua side of the project in Chile. Conservationists say dozens of mining projects are in glacier areas and they have filed international complaints, pointing mining company shareholders to potential troubles for large-scale mineral investments. Chile's Congress is expected to take on the glacier protection bill by mid-October. If debate drags, the measure's ultimate fate may depend on Michelle Bachelet, a former president who is heavily favored to win election and take office again next year. She has taken no stand on this bill and failed to back a similar measure in her first term, though she did take steps to protect glaciers. "Any change that means that projects have to be evaluated would affect them significantly. It would mean a whole new legal framework on glaciers," said Winston Alburquenque, a professor of natural resources law at the Catholic University. □



This Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 file photo shows a tour boat as it passes near the snout of Spegazzini Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina.

actually comes from such reserves. The Argentine law remains largely unenforced, but mining has still to develop in a big way there.

In Chile, however, such a move could have a much bigger impact on the world's copper and gold supplies. For now, the bill doesn't include protections on peri-glacial or permafrost areas and is far less punitive than Argentina's law, but it could be amended to broaden the definition of glaciers. No matter what, it would be Chile's first law specifically protecting glaciers.

Mining offers Chile's poor their best shot at a middle-class life, especially in the rugged desert areas in the north, where most mines are. Copper accounts for about a third of government revenue, and the state has a policy of shoring up national reserves during periods of high prices.

The country has some of Latin America's most stable ground rules for mining. But the narrow nation that

mine gold and copper from places where icy masses have retreated on the surface, exposing rich ore veins that share mountaintops with other forms of glacier water.

Already, environmentalists have demanded tougher protections for nearby populations and natural resources, and mining projects have faced costly delays.

Jorge Daniel Taillant, director of the Center for Human Rights and the Environment, called glaciers a vulnerable resource that's in jeopardy because of mining. Taillant tracks environmental compliance by mining companies and has focused on the impact of dozens of mining projects in Argentina and in Chile on glaciers.

"A broad definition of glaciers in the law helps capture the large variety of glaciers that exist in the Andes," Taillant said. "Protecting only the most well-known uncovered white glaciers is not enough. Melting glaciers are one of

lion Andina 244 expansion project, which are both surrounded by glaciers and permafrost areas. To move forward, the projects would need further environmental safeguards to ensure they're not hurting ice. The resurfacing of the bill comes at a time when the Andina project is being widely questioned. Codelco wants to turn Andina into its star mine to produce more than 600,000 metric tons of copper a year, up from 250,000 now. Codelco said in a statement it believes the glacier bill is not needed because Chile has developed norms to protect glaciers since the legislation was first discussed in 2006.

"Depending on how this glacier law turns out, it could be very complicated. In reality, this project might not even be able to be developed because we're near glaciers," said Juan Carlos Jofre, sustainability chief for the Andina 244 project.

Environmentalists say the impact on nearby glaciers

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'Hybrid' King-Mellencamp musical kicks off tour

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BLOOMINGTON, Indiana (AP) — A musical production that's a result of a collaboration between rocker John Mellencamp and horror writer Stephen King is launching a 20-city theatrical tour in Indiana.

"Ghost Brothers of Darkland County" was 13 years in the making as King and Mellencamp worked on it between what the rocker calls their "real jobs." The musical's roots lie in a cabin Mellencamp bought on Lake Monroe in southern Indiana to use as a family retreat. He said he quickly noticed strange occurrences, such as window blinds opening and items moving around. He learned from the previous owners that the cabin was believed to be haunted by two young men who had died there decades before in a quarrel over a girl. Mellencamp went to King

with an idea for a musical play featuring two brothers who are ghosts and haunt the cabin. "I just kind of went ... that's my sweet spot," King said. The unconventional musical, which King describes as a "real hybrid of the musical experience and radio show," has evolved since the pair conceived the idea. Spoken words drive the story just as they do in a play. The music helps flesh out the characters. King said the pair met in Florida, New York, Maine and at Mellencamp's southern Indiana studio to work on the production. Mellencamp said they don't have a long-range plan for the show, but both say they never set out to do a traditional Broadway production. "I don't have a problem with Broadway, but I do think that a lot of the shows and a lot of the musicals are really, really big. And we



This Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 photo shows musician John Mellencamp, left, and writer Stephen King at a press preview of the musical "Ghost Brothers of Darkland County" at the Indiana University Auditorium in Bloomington, Ind.

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wanted to do something River,'" King said. "It was bit grittier, a little bit more that was kind of like 'Big a little bit smaller, a little down-home America.'" □

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Sting tries musical theater with 'Last Ship'

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NEW YORK (AP) — There's an eerie truth to a song on Sting's new album, "The Last Ship."

"Dead Man's Boots" tells the story of a father passing a job to his son that the boy simply doesn't want. In a way, that story parallels the musician's life.

Born in the English ship-building town of Wallsend, Sting clearly wanted no part of the industry, instead attending university to become a teacher. But that wasn't enough, so two years later he made an even bolder move: to pursue a career in music.

"There were no clues in my environment that you leave that environment and fare well and be successful. My parents didn't really understand what my dreams were, they just thought I was crazy, because I had just given up a job with a pension and the security, in their eyes," he said.

Sitting in a sweater with trademark T-shirt and leather pants, he holds a guitar as he revisits some of those moments.

"My dad really didn't understand till the end of his days what the hell I was doing. He thought that I should have had a proper job. Maybe he was right," Sting joked. "I wanted to take a risk and be a star. I don't know where I got the confidence from. I just got lucky."

After a successful run with



In this Sept. 26, 2013, file photo, Sting poses for a portrait at The Public Theater in New York. After a successful run with his seminal band, The Police, and the prolific solo career that followed, his first new recording in nearly a decade "The Last Ship," may be his most ambitious project.

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his seminal band, The Police, and the prolific solo career that followed, Sting's first new recording in nearly a decade may be his most ambitious project. The 62-year-old musician is turning to a medium that some of his musical counterparts have found treacherous: musical theater.

"I want to surprise an audience; I want to surprise the listener. I want to surprise myself. To me the essence of music is surprise, every eight bars you need a surprise, otherwise people fall asleep," he said.

"The Last Ship" will serve as the backbone of a musical by the same name. It's tricky territory even for the biggest music stars. Elton John was humbled by the failed "Lestat" before find-

ing success with "Billy Elliot" and "The Lion King." U2's Bono and Edge finally got on track with "Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark," after numerous postponed openings. And Cyndi Lauper won the Tony this year with "Kinky Boots."

But then there's "Taboo" by Culture Club frontman Boy George, and "The Cape-man" by Paul Simon, regarded as some of Broadway's biggest flops.

"I didn't go into the thing completely naïve. I worked in musical theater myself," he says, citing his role in "Threepenny Opera" and his first paying job, playing bass for the 1970s revival of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Before coming to Broadway, "The Last Ship" will

play an out-of-town engagement in Chicago next June. That will give Sting some time to refine it. Not every song on the album will make it in the show, and some new ones will be added. That's fine by Sting, especially since he's learned that not every great song fits well in musical theater.

"A good song can last for three minutes and you're just expressing one emotion. You can't have that in the theater. The narrative needs to be advanced as the song is being sung," Sting admits.

Pulitzer Prize and Tony-winning lyricist Brian Yorkey ("Next to Normal") and Tony-winner John Logan ("Red") are writing the book, and Tony-winner Joe Mantello ("Wicked,"

"Angels in America") will direct. Sting says his collaborators have been brutal — and he appreciates it: "If they said everything is great, Sting, I wouldn't feel good."

Tony-winning producer Jeffrey Seller is on board, and describes his duties as "part nurturer and part critic."

"One of my jobs is to express where in the show we need those, and what songs that he's written that may not be necessary to tell this story," Seller said.

Seller, who produced "In the Heights," "Avenue Q" and "Rent," said when they first met, Sting had not recorded any music for the project but had an idea about an abandoned shipyard where workers were building their own ship.

"When he told me about that story, I immediately fell in love with this odyssey," he said. "I loved it as much as when Jonathon Larson told me I want to do 'La Boheme' in the East Village where instead of suffering from tuberculosis, Mimi suffers from AIDS."

As an album, "The Last Ship" has a theatrical quality, with multiple recurring characters inspired by Sting's childhood experiences. While performing the album at a benefit earlier this month, he sang these parts in voices different than we're used to hearing from the 16-time Grammy-winning artist.

"I used the dialect that I was raised in," Sting said of the accent that has shades of Scottish and Norwegian. "I only ever use it now when I threaten people or when I get really angry. ... My kids would always know I was serious when I start speaking in the weird voice. They're like, 'Uh-oh, he's speaking in that weird voice, he must mean it.'"

The musician claims he's never tried to force any of his six children into the family business, yet each of them has found the arts in some way.

"My oldest is 36, he's a dad, which makes me a grandfather. □

The Jonas Brothers cancel tour

NEW YORK (AP) — The Jonas Brothers have canceled their upcoming tour over creative differences. Brothers Joe, Kevin and Nick were scheduled to begin their 19-date tour Friday in Pennsylvania. Spokesman Jesse Derris confirmed the cancellation and said fans can get a refund at the point of purchase.

The group tweeted about the tour as recently as Tuesday, posting a picture of a

poster for the Pennsylvania stop.

The trio shot to fame in 2007 with the release of their self-titled debut.

They were one of pop music's biggest successes with TV shows and a Grammy nomination. They had been scheduled to release their first album since 2009 soon, but the future of that project is unclear.

People magazine first reported the cancellation. □



In this Aug. 11, 2013 file photo, from left, Nick Jonas, Joe Jonas and Kevin Jonas of the musical group Jonas Brothers arrive at the Teen Choice Awards at the Gibson Amphitheater, in Los Angeles.

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A Wolf Or A Sheep?



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For anyone who enjoys a good metaphor, Iranian President Hasan Rouhani's visit to the United Nations has been a field day for sheep and wolves. Rouhani has been dubbed both a "wolf in sheep's clothing" and a "sheep in wolf's clothing" and Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu of Israel called Iran's previous president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, "a wolf in wolf's clothing."

The important question, though, is not who Rouhani is but what kind of country Iran's regime wants it to be in the 21st century and what role nuclear power will play in shaping that identity. Seen from that perspective, there's only one relevant question: Is Iran content to be a big North Korea or does it aspire to be a Persian China?

North Korea built a small nuclear arsenal for two reasons: to protect that regime from threats from the outside and from threats from the inside. That is, North Korea's leadership believes that nuclear weapons make it impervious to regime change from abroad and that the international isolation that has accompanied North Korea's nuclear weapons program keeps its people down - on a permanent low-calorie diet of both food and information. It's a foxy survival strategy for a crazy regime: a nuclear iron fist that keeps the world at bay with one hand and its own people isolated and weak with the other - all the while North Korea's leaders gorge on imported fast cars and fast food.

Iran's leadership also sees a nuclear weapon as potential insurance against regime change from abroad, and surely some in Iran's leadership, namely the Revolutionary Guards, benefit from the sanctions at home. The more isolated Iran is, the less economic competition the Guards have for their vast network of industrial enterprises, the more valuable are their sanctions-busting smuggling ports and the more isolated Iran's people are from the very global trends that produce things like the 2009 Green Revolution. These hard-liners never want to see a U.S. embassy in Tehran.

But Iran is not North Korea. It's a great civilization, with great human talent. It can't keep its people isolated indefinitely. In theory, Iran's regime does not have to keep the world out and its people down for Iran to be powerful. But do Iran's leaders accept that theory? Some do. The decision to re-enter negotiations is a clear signal that crucial players there do not think the status quo - crushing sanctions - is viable for

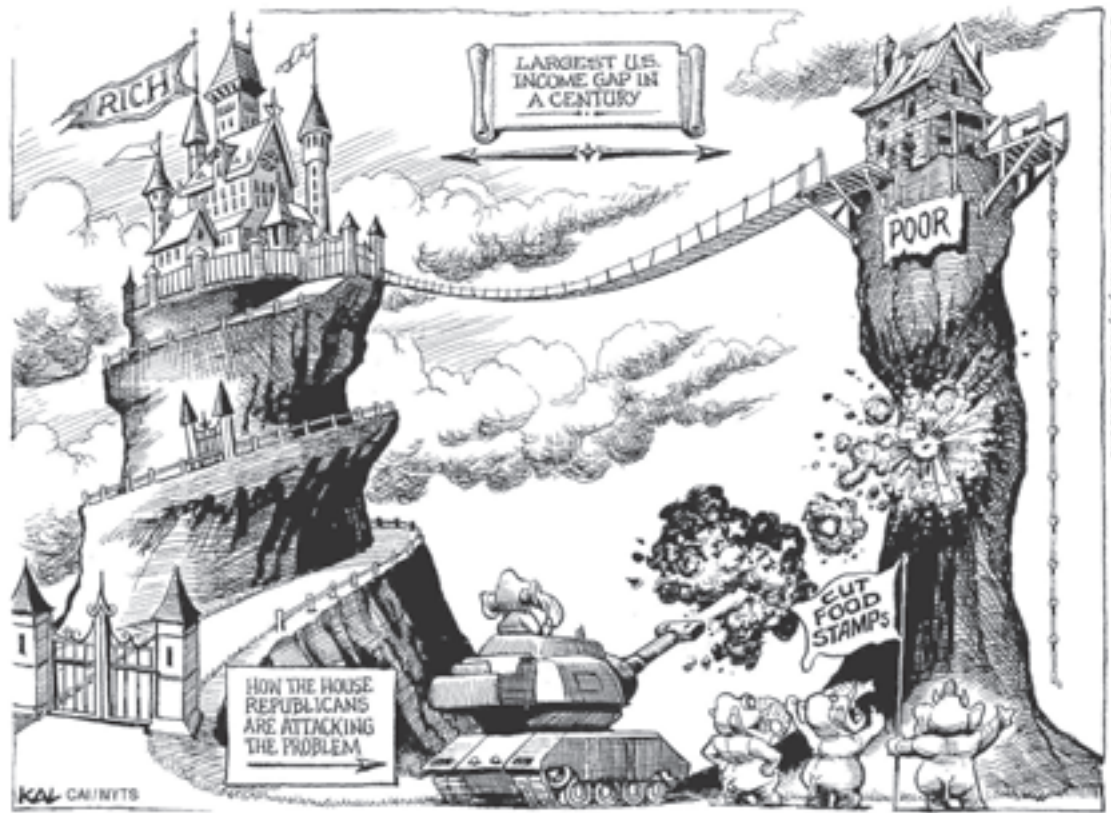
them anymore. Because they are not North Korea, the sanctions are now threatening them with discontent from the inside. But how much of their "nuclear insurance" are they ready to give up to be free of sanctions? Are they ready to sacrifice a single powerful weapon to become again a powerful country - to be more like a China, a half-friend, half-enemy, half-trading partner, half-geo-political rival to America, rather than a full-time opponent?

This is what we have to test.

"We've been trying for so long to use control dynamics to contain Iran that we've lost sight of the fact that we actually want the Iranians - specifically the ruling elites - to change their behavior," said Col. Mark Mykleby, a retired Marine and co-author of "A National Strategic Narrative" for the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. "I'm all about being tough as nails on them, and I sure don't trust them, but I also believe we need to give them the option to change their behavior."

Added Nader Mousavizadeh, the Iranian-American co-founder of Macro Advisory Partners and a former top aide to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan: "If we are prudent enough, strategic enough, and sufficiently disabused of our ability to remake countries in our own image, then we begin to see Iran as the potential China of the Middle East - with all the promise that holds, and all the challenges we know from just how hard the path with China's been since Nixon's trip." The process of getting there would be fitful, and surely ugly at times, but, if done properly from Iran's side and ours, it could lead to Iran's gradual reintegration into the world economy, the empowerment of its educated, young middle class, "and the emergence in Iran of multiple centers of power, similar to that undergone by the Communist Party in Beijing over the past 30 years," noted Mousavizadeh. No, this is not ideal. "In a perfect world, we'd see a much speedier transition to a genuinely free society. But if a détente with the West can deny [Iran's] regime the excuse of foreign enemies and foreign entanglements, Iran may then see its path to legitimacy also through reform and the enabling of the Iranian people's immense economic, technological and educational potential. Just like China."

China's leaders are not Boy Scouts either. Yet we've found a stable, mutually beneficial relationship with Beijing as "frenemies." I remain a skeptic that Iran's regime can generate the internal consensus to make a similar transition. But then few thought China could either. Secretary of State John Kerry has the right attitude: No lifting of sanctions for anything less than the airtight closure to any possible weaponization of Iran's nuclear program. That's the only deal worth having, and the only way Iran will decide if it really is a China in Persian clothing - or something like that. □



Welcome To Ted Cruz's Thunderdome



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A PLACE ONCE CALLED WASHINGTON - An ape sits where Abe sat.

The year is 2084, in the capital of the land formerly called North America.

The peeling columns of the Lincoln Memorial, and Abe's majestic head, elegant hands and big feet are partially submerged in sludge. Animals that escaped from the National Zoo after zookeepers were furloughed seven decades ago migrated to the memorials, hunting for food left by tourists.

The white marble monuments are now covered in ash, Greek tragedy ruins overrun with weeds. Tea Party zombies, thrilled with the dark destruction they have wreaked on the planet, continue to maraud around the Hill, eager to chomp on humanity some more. Because there was no endgame, the capital's hunger games ended in a gray void. Because there was no clean bill, now there is only a filthy stench. Because there was no wisdom, now there is only rot. The instigators, it turned out, didn't even know what they were arguing for. Macho thrusts and feints, competing to win while the country lost.

Thomas Jefferson's utopia devolved into Ted Cruz's dystopia. Law and order broke down as police, who were not getting paid, eventually decided to stay home. The fanatics barricaded in the Capitol dug in, determined to tear down what their idols, the founding fathers, had built. Dark-

ness soon devoured the rest of the country.

A gaunt man and sickly boy, wrapped in blue tarps, trudge toward the blighted spot that was once the World War II monument, scene of the first shutdown skirmishes. They know they may not survive the winter.

"How did this happen, Papa?" the boy asks.

"Americans had been filled with existential dread since the 9/11 attacks, but they didn't realize the real danger was coming from inside the government," the man says. "It started very small with a petty fight over a six-week spending bill but quickly mushroomed out of control."

"Whose fault was it, Papa?" the boy presses.

The man tries to explain: "The Grand Old Party, the proud haven of patriots who believed in a strong national security and fiscal responsibility, was infected with a mutant form of ideology. It was named the Sarahcuda Strain after the earliest carrier. Remember when you saw that old science fiction movie, 'I Am Legend'? A scientist described the virus that burned through civilization as being like 'a very fast car driven by a very bad man.' That's what happened: In the infected Tea Party politicians, brain function decreased and social de-evolution occurred. They began ignoring their basic survival instincts."

"It's hard to believe now, but they were fixated on stopping an effort to get health care to those who couldn't afford it. It eventually led them to destroy all the things they said they held most dear."

The boy is confused. "They killed America because they didn't care about keeping Americans alive?" he asks.

The man sits down. His voice grows faint. "Well, they didn't seem to understand themselves or what they were doing," he continues. "In the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, many of the feverish pols

believed they were waging the right and moral fight even as GOP party elders like Jeb Bush, John McCain, Karl Rove and James Baker warned them that they were dragging the country toward catastrophe. The Tea Party leaders liked to refer to themselves as the Children of Reagan. But as Baker told Peggy Noonan, Reagan always said, 'I'd rather get 80 percent of what I want than go over the cliff with my flag flying.'"

The boy frowns. "But Papa, didn't the healthy Republicans realize the infected ones had lower brain functions?"

"Well, son, they knew there was something creepy about the ringleader, Ted Cruz," the man replies. "His face looked pinched, like a puzzle that had not been put together quite right. He was always launching into orations with a weird cadence and self-consciously throwing folksy phrases into his speeches, like 'Let me tell ya,' to make himself seem Texan, when he was really a Canadian."

The boy looks alarmed. "A Canadian destroyed the world, Papa?" "After the final American president, Barack Obama, canceled his trip to Asia, that part of the world decided we were weak. China moved quickly to fill the vacuum. Obama grew so disgusted, he spent his final years in office isolated in the White House residence. When he stopped returning the calls of Hasan Rouhani and Bibi Netanyahu, it was only a matter of time before the Middle East went up in flames. "What is left of the world is being run by Julian Assange from what is left of the Ecuadorean Embassy in London and by some right-wing nut in a cabin in Idaho."

The boy begins to cry. "Papa, stop. You're making me sad. Are all the good guys gone?"

Looking through the gray skies toward the ashen Lincoln Memorial, where an ape sits in Abe's chair, the man replies sadly, "Yes, son." □

By 2047, Coldest Years Will Be Warmer Than Hottest In Past

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If greenhouse emissions continue their steady escalation, temperatures across most of the Earth will rise to levels with no recorded precedent by the middle of this century, researchers said Wednesday.

Scientists from the University of Hawaii at Manoa calculated that by 2047, plus or minus five years, the average temperatures in each year will be hotter across most parts of the planet than they had been at those locations in any year between 1860 and 2005.

we're saying is that very soon, that event is going to become the norm."

The research comes with caveats. It is based on climate models, huge computer programs that attempt to reproduce the physics of the climate system and forecast the future response to greenhouse gases. Although they are the best tools available, these models contain acknowledged problems, and it is not clear how accurate they will prove to be at peering many decades ahead.

The models show that unprecedented tempera-

of presenting information that is known to specialists in the field, but not by the larger public.

"If current trends in carbon dioxide emissions continue, we will be pushing most of the ecosystems of the world into climatic conditions that they have not experienced for many millions of years," said Ken Caldeira, a climate researcher at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Stanford, Calif. The Mora paper is a rarity: a class project that turned into a high-profile article in one of the world's most prestigious scientific journals.

across the planet. But that gives little sense of how the temperature changes in specific places might compare with historical norms.

"We wanted to give people a really relatable way to understand climate," said Abby G. Frazier, a doctoral candidate in geography.

So Mora and his students divided the Earth into a grid, with each cell representing 386 square miles. Averaging the results from the 39 climate models, they calculated a date that they called "climate departure" for each location - the date after which

Mora group used, it is possible to specify climate departure dates for individual cities. Under high emissions, climate departure for New York City will come in 2047, the paper found, plus or minus the five-year margin of error. Lower emissions would push that to 2072.

For Beijing, climate departure would come in 2046 under high emissions, or 2078 under lower emissions. The dates for Moscow are 2063 and 2092; for Washington, 2047 and 2071.

Perhaps the most striking findings are in the tropics. Climate variability there is much smaller than in high latitudes, and the extra heat being trapped by greenhouse gases will push the temperature beyond historical bounds much sooner, the research found. Under high emissions, the paper found a climate departure date of 2031 for Mexico City, 2029 for Jakarta, Indonesia, and for Lagos, Nigeria, and 2033 for Bogotá, Colombia. Many people perceive climate change to be most serious at the poles, and indeed the largest absolute changes in temperature are occurring in the Arctic and parts of Antarctica. But the Mora paper dovetails with previous research suggesting that the biggest risks to nature and to human society, at least in the near term, may be in the tropics.

People living in the tropics are generally poor, with less money to adapt to climate change than people in the mid-latitude rich countries that are burning the most carbon-based fuels and contributing most of the emissions. Plants and animals in the tropics also are accustomed to a narrow temperature range. Organisms that do not have the genetic capacity to adapt to rapid climatic changes will be forced to move, or will be driven to extinction, climate scientists say.

"I am certain there will be massive biological and social consequences," Mora said. "The specifics, I cannot tell you." □



Part of a reef that has had significant blanched coral in the Red Sea near Marsa Alam, Egypt, in summer 2013. If greenhouse emissions continue their steady escalation, temperatures across most of the earth will rise to levels with no recorded precedent by the middle of this century, researchers said on Oct. 9.

(Tara Todras-Whitehill/The New York Times)

To put it another way, for a given geographic area, "the coldest year in the future will be warmer than the hottest year in the past," said Dr. Camilo Mora, the lead scientist on a paper published in the journal *Nature*.

Unprecedented climates will arrive even sooner in the tropics, Mora's group predicts, putting increasing stress on human societies there, on the coral reefs that supply millions of people with fish, and on the world's greatest forests. "Go back in your life to think about the hottest, most traumatic event you have experienced," Mora said in an interview. "What

tures could be delayed by 20 to 25 years if there is a vigorous global effort to bring emissions under control. While that may not sound like many years, the scientists said the emissions cuts would buy critical time for nature and for human society to adapt, as well as for development of technologies that might help further reduce emissions. Other scientists not involved in the research said that slowing emissions would have a bigger effect in the long run, lowering the risk that the climate would reach a point that triggers catastrophic changes. They praised the paper as a fresh way

Mora is not a climate scientist; rather he is a specialist in using large sets of data to illuminate environmental issues. He assigned a class of graduate students to analyze forecasts produced by 39 of the world's foremost climate models. The models, whose results are publicly available, are operated by 21 research centers in 12 countries, and financed largely by governments.

Thousands of scientific papers have been published about the model results, but the students identified one area of analysis that was missing. The results are usually reported as average temperature changes

all future years were predicted to be warmer than any year in the historical record for that spot on the globe.

The results suggest that if emissions of greenhouse gases remain high, then after 2047, more than half the Earth's surface will experience annual climates hotter than anything that occurred between 1860 and 2005, the years for which historical temperature data and reconstructions are available. If assiduous efforts were made to bring emissions down, that date could be pushed back to 2069, the analysis found.

With the technique the